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CENTRAL PALESTINE FRONT FACES CRISIS

"Iraqis Take Up New Strategic Positions"

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT'S PROTEST TO ACTING MEDIATOR

"Military Changes Violate Truce Terms"

JERUSALEM, March 16 (P. T. I. Reuter): The Israeli Government is understood to have protested to Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting Palestine Mediator, against "important military changes" in Iraqi-Held Central Palestine, the English Language 'Palestine Post' diplomatic correspondent reported today.

The newspaper, reported to be close to Jewish official sources, quoted reports that the Iraqis were taking up strategic new positions in the Tulkarm-Nablus-Jenin Triangle.

The new positions were said to be at the rear of the Triangle, covering Transjordan Arab legion troops who were taking their place at the front."

ISRAELS PROTEST

The Israeli Government told Dr. Bunche in a note, the newspaper's correspondent said, he understood, that these "changes" violated the terms of the Palestine Truce which allows normal replacements behind the lines but no major changes on any front.

The correspondent said the Israeli —Transjordan "cease fire" agreement signed at Rhodes this month did not apply to the Central Front but only to lines held at the date of signing.

CRISIS ON CENTRAL PALESTINE FRONT

TEL AVIV March 16 (PTI-Reuter): A crisis with possible military implications was made today developing on the Central Palestine Front.

Israeli foreign office sources said they had information that Arab Legion forces were taking over front-line positions in the Iraqi-held area.

According to these sources this was "a violation of principle" of the Palestine truce as "Transjordan is deriving gains at the time when her forces should be at a standstill."

The sources said, a note was being sent to the Acting Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, who was now negotiating the Israeli-Transjordan Armistice at Rhodes, outlining Israeli's views.

According to these sources, Israel told Dr. Bunche it would be unable to recognise "any legal consequences which might follow such a truce violation."

"CATTLE RAIDS"

While this charge was being made against Transjordan there has been a reported intensification of "cattle raids" from the Central Sector into Israel territory.

Reports today said thirty head of cattle were "rustled" in a fray last night by Arabs "whose tracks led into the Arab triangle."

United Nations' official here are aware of the delicacy of the position.

One official said "all possible steps are being taken to avert a clash."

Among these precautions, he said, were observer teams who made a closer check on military movements.

A strict censorship is being maintained on the subject.

GORDON WALKER DENIES REPORTS

KARACHI, March 16. (API):—Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, British under-Secretary for Commonwealth relations and one of Britain's four special envoys visiting the Commonwealth, today denied reports that the spread of Communism had caused this "unusual procedure of consultation."

The envoys are discussing matters arising from last October's Commonwealth Conference in London.

Mr. Gordon Walker, who has been here since last week, said that the simultaneous departure from London of high Government officials for different corners of the earth was of course, out of the ordinary.

But "the methods of consultation in the Commonwealth are continuously developing and I think that in future it may be more practical and quicker to send men rather than telegrams"

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REHABILITATION LOANS

NEW DELHI, March 16 (A.P.I.): The Government of India have decided that the present general rule about giving rehabilitation loans to co-operative societies only should not be enforced too rigidly in future. The Governments of provinces and states have, therefore, been permitted to make certain exceptions in specified cases.

CRACKS IN SUKKUR BARRAGE

KARACHI, March 16. (UPI)—The famous Lloyd Barrage at Sukkur, completed in 1932 at a cost of Rs. 16 crores, which is mainly responsible for the prosperity of the province of Sind, has cracked in some places.

Making an admission of this, Mr. F. A. W. Foy, Joint Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Sind Government in the P.W.D. in an interview to the "United Press of India" today said that the Sind Government are obtaining the best advice in the matter in consultation with the Government of Pakistan whose consulting engineers abroad were being approached. He felt that the cracking in the Sukkur Barrage was an indication that some attention must be paid to this engineering project.

The appearance of cracks in the Sukkur Barrage, was reported to the Sind Government by the Executive Engineer, Barrage Division, Sukkur. According to unofficial reports at least two pillars, including a central one, have developed cracks.

Bengal Cotton Mills Face Crisis

CALCUTTA, March 16. (API)—It was not unlikely that the second half of the current year would witness the closure of a large number of cotton mills in West Bengal, said the President of the Bengal Millowners Association, Mr. S. C. Roy, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association today.

GOVERNOR OPENS BELGIAN ART- EXHIBITION

Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay opened Belgian Art Exhibition at Cutch Castle, Napean Sea Road on Tuesday evening. Picture shows (L to R) Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Princess de Ligne, the Governor, Prince de Ligne (Belgian Ambassador in India) and Rani Maharaj Singh.

TRUCE LINE IN KASHMIR

Sub-Committee Confers With U. N. Commission To Work Out "Second Part"

NEW DELHI, March 16. (API)—The Truce Sub-Committee conferred with the U.N. Commission on Kashmir today to work out the second part of the Truce line in Jammu and Kashmir which will stretch eastwards from Keran.

Meanwhile, it is understood, instructions have been issued to the field commanders by their respective Governments for early implementation of the provisional Truce Line which runs north from Manwar to Tithwal and on to Keran.

It is not known as to how long the Truce Sub-Committee will take to finalise the draft Truce agreement as many political implications are cropping up in conflict with the military aspects of the Truce. The Truce Sub-Committee will, however, get an overall picture of the situation when the Two-Man Sub-Committee of the Commission returns here on March 26 after its tour of "Azad Kashmir".

According to a spokesman of the Commission, Lt.-Gen. Delvoie, Military Adviser to the Commission, is in continuous touch with the local commanders of India and Pakistan through the military observers of the Commission.

INDIAN DELEGATION TO U. N. ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, March 16. (API)—The following have been nominated to represent the Government of India at the 2nd part of the third regular session of the United Nations General Assembly which opens in New York on April 5.

Representatives: Mr. M. C. Setalvad (leader) Sardar H. S. Malik, High Commissioner for India in Canada Mr. B. Shiva Rao, and Shrimati Renuka Ray.

Alternate representatives: Mr. B. R. Saksena, Consul-General for India in New York: Mr. C. S. Jha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations who will also act as Secretary-General of the Delegation.

Public Relations Officer: Col. Unni Nayar, Public Relations Officer, Indian Embassy, Washington.

Adviser-Secretary: Mr. M. Gopala Menon, Secretary to the permanent Indian Delegation in New York.

Secretary: Mr. B. N. Nanda, Under-Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

"Oriental" Donation To Gandhi Fund?

BOMBAY, March 16, (UPI): The Board of Directors of the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Company has, at its meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, recommended to the General Body the payment of a donation of Rs. 2,00,000 to the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund.

U.S. Rejects Russian Allegations

WASHINGTON, March 16, (UPA): The United States has flatly rejected Russian allegations that the United States Government "distorted" its case for demanding the repatriation of German war prisoners still held by the Soviet Union.

The United States in a note delivered yesterday to the Soviet Foreign Office also denied a Soviet claim that American interests in German prisoners "were not prompted by any desire to hasten" the return of prisoners in Soviet custody.

The note was made public by the State Department. It was the fifth note sent to Russia by the United States since March 9 1948, requesting data on the number of prisoners held by Russia.

The Russians replied once, on Jan. 24, to the first four American notes.

"Flagrant Violation Of Peace Treaties"

LONDON, March 16. (PTI-Reuter)—Britain today assured Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary of "flagrant violations" of the peace treaties.

Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State told the House of Commons that "with Soviet connivance and even with Soviet support", they had obstructed British and United States attempts to set in action treaty machinery to ensure proper fulfilment of these obligations.

Rumania and Bulgaria had both violated the military clauses and Hungary was planning to expand her military forces beyond the permitted treaty strength.

All three had also broken the human rights and economic clauses, he declared.

"REDS" OCCUPY MANDALAY

Karens Attack Gunboats In Maubin District

RANGOON, March 16 (PTI-Reuter): Communists who have joined hands with Karen rebels are in complete control of Mandalay, a Government communique said tonight.

The communique said Communists were encouraging looting in the city of Mandalay and had broken open the houses of several wealthy citizens.

It also reported that the Karens had attacked Burma navy gunboats in the Maubin district midway between Rangoon and Bassein, in the Irrawaddy delta.

The communique said government forces had beaten back the attack inflicting 200 casualties.

According to a government spokesman, Karens in Insein had not yet answered the Government offer of an amnesty, which expires tomorrow morning.

Guerillas Strike Again Near Batavia

BATAVIA, March 16 (UPA): Republican guerillas struck today near Batavia for the second time within 48 hours.

The force, estimated at about 100, attacked a rubber and tea estate 30 miles south of the Indonesian capital.

Dutch sources said the guerillas withdrew after a sharp half-hour battle with Dutch troops and estate guards.

A Dutch estate administrator, who led the estate guards in the fight, was reported killed.

Baroda's Merger On 1st May

BARODA, March 16 (A.P.I.): Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Baroda Premier, members of the Baroda Cabinet leading State officials and Mr. G. V. Bedekar, Special Officer of the Bombay Government met together today for a general discussion relating to Baroda's integration into Bombay province.

Dr. Mehta said that all efforts would be made for completing the integration of the State on 1st May.

AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE POSITION

Premier Denies Opposition Leader's Allegations

CANBERRA, March 16 (PTI-Reuter) Political observers here thought today that a statement on Australia's defence position in relation with other countries would be made soon.

They based this view on a statement by the Prime Minister, Mr Joseph Chifley, in the House of Representatives today, in reply to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr E U. Harrison (Liberal) who alleged some countries lacked confidence in Australia's ability to keep secrets Mr Harrison quoted Press reports that in some instances, Australian officers sent to Defence talks had been carefully screened.

Mr Chifley said, it would not be long before Mr Harrison would be made to realise that what he said is completely incorrect"

"I don't propose to elaborate on that.

"I am satisfied to wait in a realisation that the truth will come out" the Prime Minister added.

The House of Representatives was debating the Science and Industry Research Bill, which brings certain scientists under the Secrecy Provisions of the Public Service Act.

A statement similar to the Prime Minister's was made by Defence Minister J Dedman, winding up the second reading.

"Before long certain events will take place and Mr Harrison will be shown to be possessed of abysmal ignorance in regard to the defence talks" Mr Dedman said.

Mr Dedman described as a "downright lie" a suggestion by Mr John Lang of the Lang Labour Party that Mr. Chifley went to London last year because of British doubts about Australia's security.

Change In British Envoy's Programme

CANBERRA, March 16 (PTI-Reuter) —Lord Listowel, British Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, now in Australia discussing Commonwealth relations with Australian officials, resumed talks today with Australian Prime Minister Mr. Joseph Chiefley.

Today's discussions followed a meeting Lord Listowel had yesterday with the Australian Cabinet and a separate three hour meeting with Australian Defence Minister, Mr John Dedman.

Lord Listowel and Premier Chiefley talked for 90-minutes. Afterwards a Government spokesman said there "had been a change in the British envoy's programme and he would have further talks with Mr Chiefley on Friday.

Originally, no formal interviews were planned for the remainder of Lord Listovel's stay here though he will see the Governor-General, Mr W. McKell, tomorrow night.

The envoy will leave for Sydney on March 19 and travel to New Zealand the following day.

He is due to return to Sydney a week later and leave for London on March 28.

N. ATLANTIC PACT

WASHINGTON, March 16. (PTI-Reuter)—European diplomats here today expressed confidence that Portugal Denmark, Italy and Iceland would join the North Atlantic pact in time to become Charter members.

THAKIN NU TO HOLD TALKS WITH "WHITE BAND" LEADERS

Fresh Move To Restore Peace In Burma: Cabinet Reshuffle Likely

RANGOON, March 16 (PTI-Reuter): The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, is expected to hold important talks shortly with leaders of the 'White Band" rebels now fighting with Karens and Communists against the Government, usually reliable sources stated here today.

This follows a week-end conference at the oil town of Yenang Yuang by the 'White Band" insurgent followers of the Peoples Volunteer Organisation.

It was reported then that the organisation and the Burmese Government had reached agreement on ten of the thirteen demands made by the volunteer organisation.

CAPINET MAY BE RESHUFFLED

The same sources today forecast a thorough reshuffle of the present Burmese cabinet that "White Band" Peoples Volunteer Organisation representatives could be included.

Commenting on the Yenang Yuang conference, A.P.V.O leader here said today" peace in Burma will depend on the decisions of this conference".

An official government spokesman would not comment on press reports that the government had reached complete understanding with the P.V.O. on all outstanding differences.

'GIVE & TAKE' CONFERENCE

According to these reports, a "give and take" conference will be held in Rangoon following the return of P.V.O. delegates from Yenangyuang.

Leaders of the Socialist Party and other Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League Parties will participate in the conference, which will formulate plans for the restoration of peace and order in the country before the general elections, scheduled for July 4, the reports said.

Nanking Search For Peace Formula

PROVINCIAL LEADERS' TALKS WITH ACTING PRESIDENT

But Communists Bent On Launching Offensive

NANKING, March 16 (P. T. I. Reuter): Political observers here said today that an ultimatum from the Chinese Communists could be expected in the Government capital unless an Official peace delegation went to Peiping soon.

NEW CRISIS DEVELOPS

A new crisis is approaching in China to coincide with the appointment of General Ho Ying Chin's cabinet they said.

Reasons given for this were: 1 Communist general Chen Yi's nineteen columns were all set to launch the long awaited offensive against the Yangtse River line.

2. The Communist leaders were convinced the Government defenders would not offer serious resistance.

3. Communists could not afford politically to wait much longer for peace negotiations.

NATIONALIST PEACE FORMULA

At present, a Government Ten-Man Committee is drafting a Nationalist peace formula to answer Communist leader Mao Tse Tung's eight-point peace terms.

STAGE SET FOR NANKING TALKS

General Chen Cheng, said to be introducing "British Socialism" in the big island of Formosa where he is Governor, was among four provincial leaders who arrived in Nanking today for talks at the summons of Acting President Li Tsung-Jen.

The others were General Chu Shao-Liang, from Fukien province, General Wang Liaung, Governor of the "Rice Bowl" Province of Szechuan, and General Yan Sen, Mayor of China's wartime Capital of Chunging.

They were expected to discuss with the Acting President and the Prime Minister-Designate, General Ho Ying-Chin the application of the Government's political reforms, reorganisation of the Government armies and peace policies.

Damodar Valley Corporation Budget

CALCUTTA, March 16. (API)—The first budget of the Damodar Valley Corporation shows an estimated expenditure of Rs. 7,53,45,000 during the year 1949-50.

According allocations of the amount made under the provisions of the Damodar Valley Act, the Government of India will pay Rs. 2,18,91,184, West Bengal Rs. 3,39,66,883 and Bihar Rs. 1,94,86,933.

The expenditure includes Rs. 1,55,64,200 under the Head "Irrigation", Rs. 4,85,95,300 under Head "Power" and Rs. 1,13,85,500 under "Flood Control"

"REPATRIATION" FROM S. AFRICA

DURBAN, March 16 (PTI-Reuter): About fifty Indians—men, women and children—are expected to leave for India under the South African Union Government "Repatriation" scheme about April 4, if a ship is available.

"IMPROVE CONDITION OF WORKING JOURNALIST"

Reuter's Chief On Their Duty To Readers

MADRAS, March 16. (API)—Mr. W. A. Cole, Editor of Reuter's service, London told the city journalists tonight that apart from servicing their proprietors, they as journalists had a greater duty in serving the readers of their papers.

Mr. Cole was addressing the members of the South Indian Journalists Federation, on his experience, and problems of the journalistic world as a working journalist.

In their work, they (journalists) should see that truth should not suffer at any cost. "Comment is free, but facts are sacred", he added.

The duties of a newspaper, he said, implied honesty, clearness, courage, fairness and sense of duty to the reader and the community. This, he said, represented readability in the finest form.

As a working journalist, Mr. Cole said, he was tremendously impressed with his colleagues in India both as fellow scribes and as first class tenacious newspapermen.

He was firmly of the view that "conditions of working journalists should be reasonable and fair, because there is no doubt, that unless journalist is a respected and decent member of the community it becomes well nigh impossible for him to discharge his very onerous and responsible job". In Great Britain, he said, working journalists had organised and that had resulted in betterment of their conditions and in that betterment, newspapers and their contents had greatly improved.

Referring to the working of Reuters he was glad to state there was no cleavage between the reporting side and sub-editorial side "as often found in newspapers offices.

GOVERNMENT'S PARTY TO REUTER MISSION

MADRAS, March 16 (API): Lord Layton, leader of the "Reuters' Goodwill Delegation, stated today "our business, the business that brings us to India, is the carrying out of a scheme for the making of "Reuters" an international news agency", at a tea party given in their honour by the Government of Madras.

Madras Minister for Information, Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, extending a warm welcome to the Reuter delegation stated "Independent India has taken her rightful place in the comity of nations and here is the task and at once the privilege to work in full, free and fruitful partnership with the other nations in the establishment of peace, goodwill and fellowship in the world. In this context, India's partnership with the Reuters gives her a glorious opportunity for yeoman services.

Welcoming the formation of the Press Trust of India, the Minister stated the new organisation has given India "an opportunity of cultivating national news consciousness and a correct, healthy, international perspective".

The function which was held at the Rajaji Hall was attended by a large and distinguished gathering including Ministers and a large number of city journalists and editors of local newspapers.

Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Information, Madras, speaking at the outset stated: "We realise that a free and vigilant press is the greatest and truest friend any democratic Government can have. I am happy to say that in our own province the relations betweeen the popular Government and the people's press have always been most cordial and healthy. The future can only cement and strengthen this cordiality and co-operation even more.

The Minister added: "In tackling the many difficult problems that are today clamouring for a solution, the press by its sympathetic understanding and realistic approach, its dignified restraint and sober views can be of great help.

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G.I.P. RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Bhore and Thull Ghats, G. I. P. Railway, Lonavla, invites tenders upto 22nd March, 1949, at 15.00 for the Construction of Breast Wall, drain and culvert for Diversion No. 7 on the Bhore Ghats. Copy of tender form and schedule of quantities can be had from his office on payment of Rs. 2/-. Copies of drawings can also be had at Rs. 3|- per set. These sums will not be refunded. 3580

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TENDER NOTICE

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G. I. P. RAILWAY
SUBURBAN TRAIN INDICATORS

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of the public that on and from April 1, 1949, train indicators at all Suburban Stations will show the names of stations at which trains do NOT halt, as against the existing practice of showing the names of stations at which trains halt. 3727

NIZAM'S STATE RAILWAY
EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of temporary Travelling Ticket Inspectors in the Road Transport Department of the N. S. Railway.

2. Applicants should have passed the H.S.C., Matriculation of the Senior Cambridge Examination and should be not less than 25 years and not more than 35 years of age. Preference will be given to those having experience as Ticket Inspectors in a Road Transport Concern of repute.

3. Selected candidates will be appointed in the grade of OS. Rs. 70—5—145—EB—5—175 and will receive in addition dearness allowance and other allowances in accordance with the rules in force.

4. Applications should be submitted in the PRESCRIBED FORM ONLY, which can be obtained from the Personal Officer, General Manager's Office, Secunderabad on payment of O.S. Re. 1|- either in person, or by Money Order. Full name and address of the applicant must be entered IN INK in block capital letters IN ENGLISH on the Money Order Coupon, on which also the post for which the application form is required should be clearly stated; otherwise the Money Order will not be accepted.

5. The last date for issue of application forms is 25th March 1949 and the last date for receipt of application forms at the Labour Bureau is 31st March 1949.

G. SURYANARAYANA,
Personnel Officer,
Secunderabad, March 10, 1949.
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NIZAM'S STATE RAILWAY
EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for 10 temporary posts of Locomotive Drivers on the Broad and Metre Gauge systems of this Railway.

2. Applicants should have had previous experience as Locomotive Drivers. Drivers who left service either on medical grounds or who retired with or without gratuity will also be considered.

3. The commencing salary and grade on appointment will depend on the merits of the candidates selected. The selected candidates will receive in addition dearness allowance and other allowances in accordonce with the rules in force.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED, BOMBAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank, Oriental Buildings, Bombay, on THURSDAY, the 17th March, 1949, at 4 p.m. (Standard Time):—

(1) To receive the Report of the Directors and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
(2) To declare a dividend.
(3) To elect Directors in place of those retiring, and
(4) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

NOTICE is also hereby given that at the same meeting the subjoined Resolution is intended to be proposed as a Special Resolution:—

RESOLUTION:—

"That Articles 12 and 115 of the "Articles of Association of the "Bank of India Limited be and are "hereby altered in the manner "following:—

"(a) For existing Article 12, " which reads as follows:—
" '12. The certificates of title to " 'shares shall be signed by two " 'Directors and countersigned by " 'the Manager or some other per- " 'son appointed by the Directors'. "the following be substituted:— " '12. Every certificate of title to " 'shares shall be issued under the " 'common seal of the Company " 'and shall be signed by one " 'Director and shall be counter- " 'signed by the General Manager " 'or by some other officer of the " 'Company authorised in that " 'behalf by the Directors'

"(b) For existing Article 115, "which reads as follows:— " '115. The Directors shall pro- " 'vide for the safe custody of the " 'seal, and the seal, shall never " 'be used except by the authority " 'of the Directors, or a committee " 'of the Directors, previously " 'given and in the presence of " 'two Directors at the least who " 'shall sign every instrument to " 'which the seal is affixed and " 'every such instrument shall be " 'countersigned by the Manager " 'or some other person appointed " 'by the Directors.'

"the following be substituted:— " '115. The Directors shall pro- " 'vide for the safe custody of the " 'seal, and the seal shall never " 'be used except by the authority " 'of the Directors, or a committee " 'of the Directors, previously " 'given and every instrument to " 'which the seal is affixed shall " 'be signed by one Director and " 'shall be countersigned by the " 'General Manager or by some " 'other officer of the Company " 'authorised in that behalf by " 'the Directors."

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY the 11th March, 1949 to FRIDAY, the 25th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. C. CLARKE,
General Manager,
The Bank of India Ltd.,
Bombay, 21st January, 1949.
(3395)

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY
EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a temporary post of an Architectural draftsman for one year in the first instance, in the grade of Rs. 360-20-500, plus allowance amounting to about Rs. 125-0-0, in connection with the Loco Building Works Project, Chittaranjan. The candidates should possess the Government Diploma in Architecture from Sir J. J. School of Arts, Bombay, with at least 5 years' experience in Architect's office. Higher initial salary according to qualifications and experience. Applications should be sent immediately, stating technical qualifications, experience and age, giving dates, along with copies of testimonials to the Architect, E. I. Rly., 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta.

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE OF GOVERNMENT
INSTITUTO LUSO-INDIANO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of section 26 of Indian Companies Act, 1913, application has been made to the Government of Bombay for a licence directing that an Association about to be formed under the name of "Instituto Luso-Indiano" shall be registered with Limited liability without the addition of the word "Limited" on its name.

The principal objects for which the Association is proposed to be established are:—

(a) To maintain a Library and Reading Room and occasionally organise Lectures and Debates.
(b) To provide its members with facilities for outdoor sports and games and conduct tournaments, competitions, etc.

The other objects of the Association are set out in extenso in the Memorandum of Association a copy of which may be inspected at the office of the undersigned at Burrows Lane, Dabul, Girgaum Road, Bombay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person, company, firm or corporation objecting to this application may bring such objections before the Government of Bombay on or before the 30th day of April, 1949 by a letter addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Finance Department, Secretariat, Bombay.

Dated this 6th day of March, 1949.
PLINIO J. DE MENEZES,
The Hon. General Secretary,
Instituto Luso-Indiano.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WANTED for the Town Eng. Deptt. the following temporary staff:—

1. Overseers in grade Rs. 140-10-200-15-230/- per month. Candidates must be passed overseers from recognised colleges or schools with at least 3 years practical experience.

2. 12 sub-overseers in the grade of Rs. 100-7½-130 per month. Candidates must be passed sub-overseers from recognised Eng. colleges or schools preferably with a few years practical experience.

Apply to the Assistant Director of Personnel (Employments), Tisco Ltd., Jamshedpur stating age, qualification and experience on or before 2nd April, 1949. 3722

THE WARDEN INSURANCE CO., LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: BOMBAY

THE MEETING of the Policyholders of the Company to elect one Policy holder's Director, called on 22nd March, 1949 is hereby cancelled as only one application has been received and Mr. P. M. MEHTA has been automatically been re-elected as Policyholder's Director.

SHIVPRASAD THAKER,
Managing Director.
Bombay:
March 14, 1949. 440

AUCTION SALES

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 167 of the Sea Customs Act 8 of 1878 under instructions from the Collector of Customs, Bombay MENESSE & CO. will sell by public Auction on THURSDAY the 17th March, 1949 at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Alexandra Dock near Sale Warehouse 43-Drums Bisulphate of Soda Powder; 50-Drums Sodium Bisulphate; 1-case Sodium Theosulphate; 481-Cases empty Bottles. 30-Casks Sodium Hyposulphate.

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(a) EXECUTIVE BRANCH
(b) ENGINEERING BRANCH
(c) ELECTRICAL BRANCH
(d) SUPPLY & SECRETARIAT BRANCH

Selected Short Service Commissioned Officers will be eligible for transfer to the permanent cadre.

Applications are also invited for the grant of Commissions and Warrants in the permanent cadre of the Instructor Branch of the Royal Indian Navy.

The qualifications and age limits for entry in the various branches are given below:

(a) EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Qualifications (i) Degree of a recognized University with Mathematics and Physics as optional subjects in the Degree or Intermediate examination.
Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 25 years.

OR

(ii) Board of Trade Certificate of Competency (Foreign Going) as 2nd Mate, Mate or Master.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 30 years.

High visual standard required. Those who wear glasses are ineligible.

(b) ENGINEERING BRANCH

Qualifications—(i) Degree in Mechanical Engineering of a recognized University or equivalent qualifications.

OR

(ii) Diploma in Engineering followed by practical experience in Marine Engineering.

OR

(iii) 1st or 2nd Class Board of Trade Certificate of Competency.

OR

(iv) Certificate awarded after 5 years' apprenticeship in a Marine Engineering Works including theoretical and practical training.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949:
For (i) to (iii) ... 19½ to 30 years
For (iv) ... 19½ to 25 years

(c) ELECTRICAL BRANCH

Qualifications—(i) Degree in Electrical Engineering of a recognized University or equivalent qualifications.
Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 30 years.

OR

(ii) Certificate awarded after 5 years' apprenticeship in an Electrical Engineering Works including theoretical and practical training.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 25 years.

(d) SUPPLY & SECRETARIAT BRANCH

Qualifications—Degree from a recognized University in Arts, Science or Commerce. A Law Degree or practical experience in Accountancy or a Commercial firm will be an added qualification.

Age limits on 1-6-1949: 19½ to 25 years.

(e) INSTRUCTOR BRANCH

Qualifications—

(i) For grant of Commissions.

Essential—1st or 2nd Classs Honours Degree of a recognized University in Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry.

Additional—Teaching experience or a Teacher's Diploma.

Age Limits on 1-6-1949: 21 to 28 years.

(ii) For grant of Warrants. Degree of a recognized University with Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry as optional subject.

Age Limits on 1-6-49: 21 to 25 years.

INITIAL PAY ON ENTRY

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SELECTION: Selected candidates will be required to appear before a Services Selection Board on whose recommendations final selection will be made.

HOW TO APPLY: Forms of applications together with further information can be had free on request from any one of the undernoted authorities. Requests for forms should contain age and educational qualifications of applicants. Completed application forms must be accompanied by an application fee of Rs. 7/8/—1/14— in the case of Scheduled Caste candidates):

(i) Naval Headquarters, New Delhi.
(ii) The Commodore-in-Charge, R. I. N. Office, Bombay.
(iii) The Commodore-in-Charge, R. I. N. Office, Cochin.
(iv) The Resident Naval Officer, Madras.
(v) The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Vizagapatam.
(vi) The Resident Naval Officer, Fort William, Calcutta.

LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION: Completed application forms must reach the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy, Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, not later than May 10 1949.

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"INTER-DOMINION CUSTOMS BARRIERS NOT CONDUCIVE"

Jhaveri Protests Against Retention Of Export Duty On Cotton

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Speaking at the first quarterly general meeting of the All-India Exporters' Association here today, Mr Chinoobhai C. Jhaveri, President of the Association, voiced the growing feeling among the people of India and Pakistan that the customs barriers between the two countries are not conducive to the interests of either, because their economies were closely interwoven and although politically divided there were no physical barriers between them.

Mr. Jhaveri made a plea for re-examination of the customs barriers in a spirit of faith and co-operation.

MARKET RESEARCH NEEDED

Speaking of the special problems of the exporters he referred to the declining export market and the emergence of a Buyers' Market on account of growing imports. He suggested that in an effort to consolidate their position exporters should start market research to study the tastes and requirements of importing countries. Leading Export Houses should send out experts to study markets at first hand and organise their business on more scientific lines, he said.

HIGH DUTY AFFECTS EXPORT TRADE IN TEXTILES

Dealing with the retention of export duty on cotton Mr Jhaveri said: "The reduction of export duty on cotton textiles, in January last from 25 per cent to 10 per cent came too late to be effective, when damage to the export trade in textiles had been already done. This can be evinced from the utilisation of quotas allocated for different periods. Out of the overall quotas for all destinations, other than Pakistan only 35 per cent quotas have been so far utilised, while only seven lacs of yards out of seventy million yards earmarked for Hard Currency Countries have been sold.

"I understand that out of 500 million yards allotted to Pakistan, not a yard of cloth has been bought by her. The figures are eloquent and should have gone a great way in guiding the decision of the Finance Minister against the retention of the 10 per cent export duty.

"Anyway, this export duty has been retained by the Finance Minister for reasons best known to himself, in face of overwhelming evidence of India's export trade in textiles being in the process of distintegration. "The retention is an anomaly which may pass unnoticed for the time being but surely the time is not far when it will have to be tackled seriously.

LIBERALIZATION OF EXPORT POLICY INEFFECTIVE

"The recent liberalisation of the Government export policy in respect of cotton textiles, allowing greater freedom to exporters to expand business in the overseas markets wherever possible, seems to be inspired by the belief that by some changes in procedure, they can stimulate sales of our cotton textiles abroad. This step will be ineffective so long as the export duty exists and renders our prices incompetitive. Does the Government seriously believe that merely by modifying the procedure, they can stabilise the export of our cotton textiles which is in the welter of uncertainties and rescue it from a threatened paralysis? The Government on one hand, shows grave concern over the sharp decline in our exports of cotton textiles and on the other, retains the export duty which is the very cause of such a decline. The action of the Government is like that of a person who wants both to have the cakes and eat it."

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DOCK LABOUR LEADER ON HUNGER-STRIKE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

As a protest against the nonfulfilment of the Union's demands by the naval authorities, Mr. L. S. Rothade, Vice-President of the R.I.N. Dockyard Workers' Union, Bombay, commenced an "indefinite" hunger-strike this morning.

This step followed the decision of the Union to rescind its general strike call and to instruct its Vice-President to resort to hunger-strike which was felt to be "a more effective way of voicing the workers' grievances".

Mr. Rothade is squatting on a pavement near the Lion Gate of the Dockyard.

Dearness Allowance To Primary Teachers

The Government of Bombay has directed that Primary school teachers in the employ of local authorities should be given dearness allowance at the following rates, with retrospective effect from January 1, 1949, until further orders. Pay up to Rs. 50 per mensem Dearness Allowance Rs. 35 per mensem: Rs. 51-100 per mensem Dearness Allowance Rs. 45 per mensem.

Balgandharva Honoured

Balgandharva, Marathi Actor, was honoured by Malvan public at a meeting presided over by Kakasaheb Wagh during the performance of 'Soubhadra' on March 7.

THE INDIAN BANK LIMITED

(Head Office: MADRAS)

Bombay Office: Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Sub-Office will be opened at MATUNGA (Bombay) on FRIDAY, the 18th March, 1949 at 5 p.m.

BUSINESS HOURS: 8 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. and 3-30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m. | Tuesday to Saturday

8 a.m. to 10-30 a.m.: Sunday:

Monday will be a closed holiday

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To-day

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Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 16, 1368.
Parsi: Meher 16, 1318.
Sunrise: 6-46 a.m. Sunset: 6-49 p.m.
Hightide: 01-24, 13-58.
Lowtide: 07-36, 19-56.
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: 3 p.m (B. T.).

Domestic Occurances

CHELLARAM:—Sheth Shewakram, son of Arjansingchand Chelmaram, aged 42 years expired in Bombay on the 15th morning, at 9-45 a.m., of heart-failure. The "Uthama" ceremony will be held at Gazdar House, Dhobi Talao, on Thursday, the 17th, at 5 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Annual General Meeting at Chamber's rooms Mackinnon Mackenzie Building, Ballard Estate, 11-30 a.m.

BOMBAY PROHIBITION WOMEN GRADUATES UNION: Annual Meeting at Wilson College, 5-30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 13 (Khetwadi) will meet near Charni Road Junction, Grant Road, on Friday, the 18th March, 1949, at 8-30 a.m. (S. T.), to go round the ward. The residents of the Ward who have any difficulties to bring to light are invited to be present at the appointed place and time.

B. S. N. MAZDOOR SANGH: The deputation of the Executive Committee of the B. S. N. Mazdoor Sangh, Bombay which called upon the General Manager, of the B. S. N. discussed many aspects and difficulties of the workers who have been served with notices of termination of service, on the approval of the B. S. N. Workers' Union. Agrement was reached on the following two main points:—(i) That notices of termination of service will be withdrawn if the workers give enough proof that they have not yet attained the age of 60; (ii) A proportionate bonus will be given to such employees who have been served with notices.

THE BOMBAY BULLION ASSOCIATION: The by-laws of the Bombay Bullion Association Limited passed in a general meeting of the Company held on Feb. 26 were submitted to the Government of Bombay for their sanction. In exercise of the powers conferred by the Section 3 of the Bombay Forward Contracts Control Act 1947, Government of Bombay have been now pleased to sanction the by-laws by a notification dated 14th instant.

BOMBAY WASHERING AND LAUNDRY EMPLOYEES' UNION: In the general body meeting of the Bombay Washermen and Laundry Employees' Union held at People's Hall on Sunday last, the following office-bearers were elected:—Chief Adviser, Mr. S. L. Sham; President, Mr. H. N. Trivedi; Vice-Presidents, 1. Mr. M. N. Kaka; 2. Mr. N. K. Sen and 3. Mr. C. R. Ramakrishna; General Secretary, Mr. R. G. Joshi; Asstt. Secretaries, 1. Mr. Sankataprasad Tripathi; 2. Mr. Ramasjeevan Misra and 3. Mr. Shantaram Ambore.

"FAUJI TALIM"

The joint February-March (1949) Training), the official organ of the Ahmedabad military and Rifle Training Association contains a number of articles, including those on rifle, Rifle Range for the Blind, Rifle vs. shot gun on Deer, also one on Gen. K. M. Kariappa's life in pictures. It is published in two languages English and Gujerati,—in separate volumes.

Radio

BOMBAY, Thursday, March 17.
244 Metre (1,231 Kc/s)
31.41 Metres (9,550 Kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Champaklal Veragiwala 7-45 G P Soman 8-0 News (E) 8-15 G T Tilak 8-45 News (G)
244 Metres (1,231 Kc/s)
31.41 Metres (9,550 Kc/s)
12.4 Musical Interlude 12-50 Champakial Veragiwala 1-0 News (G) 1-10 God Gesten 1-30 News (E) 1-40 On with the dance.
244 Metres (1,231 Kc/s)
31.41 Metres (9,550 Kc/s)
(4-20 to 7-45 p.m.)
4-20 p.m. School Broadcast 5-0 N S Khalikar 5-15 Suryakant Mohile 5-30 Children's Half Hour in English 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 K V Desai 6-30 Laxman S Bodas 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and weather Report 7-15 N. S. Khalikar 7-30 Hindi Samsthana (Talk in Gujarati) 8-0 to 11-0 41.44 Metres (7,240 Kc/s) 7-45 Film Music 8-0 K V Desai 8-15 News (G) 8-30 G P Soman 8-45 Suryakant Mohile 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Poonar Janma 9-30 FBC News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Sport Talk. 10-0 Lucien Dubrullie-Violin 10-30 Mozart

VARIATIONS

353 Metres (850 Kc/s)
41.44 Metres (7,240 Kc/s)
7-45 p.m. News (E) 8-0 Vimal Narvekar 8-15 News (H) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 Suryakant Mohile
253 Metres (850 Kc/s)
31.44 Metres (9,550 Kc/s)
12-50 p.m. News (M) 1-0 Bhaskar Joshi 1-30 Ramchandra Pai 1-40 News (H) 1-30 Vanita Mandal 2-20 K. Y. Desai.
253 m. (850 kc/s)
41.44 m. (9,550 kc/s)
6-00 p.m. Gottuwadyam Recital 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners
61.48 m. (4880 kc/s)
7-30 p.m Commercial News 7-45 News (E) 8-00 News (M) 8-15 Bhaskar Rao Joshi 9-00 N S. Khalikar 9-15 News (H) 9-30 Laxman S. Bodas 10-00 Vimal Narvekar 10-30 G. T. Tilak.

BARODA.
BARODA, Thursday, March 17.
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Geet Gurjari 7-45 Bansari Vadan 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Bhikhubhai Bhavsar (Vocal music) 8-45 News (G) 6-0 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Interlude 6-15 For Rural Areas 6-35 Geet Manjari 7-0 Kanesh Thakor 7-15 P. T. Dindorkar 7-30 Mashrur Ahmed 7-45 Hindi Sansthano 8-0 Gazalo 8-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Nileshwari Mehta 8-45 Mashrur Ahmed 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Ganesh Thakor 9-30 Nileshwari Mehta 9-45 Film Music 10-0 Bhikhubhai Bhavsar (Vocal music).

P. G. WALKER

Patrick Gordon Walker, M.P. Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Commonwealth Relations Office.

AWARD SET ASIDE

Industrial Dispute

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar.

The Khandesh Spinning and Weaving Mills Co. Ltd. ..... Plaintiffs.

vs.

Digambar Ramachandra and another ..... Defendants.

His lordship set aside an Award made by D. G. Kamerkar under the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act of 1938 as one without jurisdiction.

In July 1946 there was a breakdown of the machinery in the plaintiffs' mills at Jalgaon as a result of which the mills were closed for 56 days. The defendants who were two of its employees claimed wages for these 56 days and gave notice of a change. The dispute was ultimately referred to the arbitration of D. G. Kamerker under the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act. Standing Order No. 16 framed under Section 26 of the Act provided that a company may at any time stop its machines for causes beyond its control without paying compensation. While holding that this Standing Order applied to the present case, the arbitrator acted on certain recommendations of Government to the effect that mills should pay compensation for involuntary unemployment, and ordered the mills to pay Rs. 88,000 as compensation to the workers. The Company sued to set aside this Award as one made in excess of jurisdiction.

His lordship held that in giving effect to a mere recommendation of Government which could not override a Standing Order made under the authority of a statute, the arbitrator Mr. Kamerkar had acted in excess of his legal authority. In the result his lordship set aside the Award.

Mr. H. M. Seervai and Mr. G. A. Thakar instructed by Messrs. Ambubhai and Diwanji appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. L. P. Pendse and Mr. L. M. Zaveri instructed by Messrs. Gokhale and Kale and Co. appeared for the defendants.

G. I. P. Contradicts Story Of Mathur's Arrest

BOMBAY, March 16, (UPI): The G.I.P. Railway authorities inform the United Press of India that the news agency report about the arrest of Mr. J. S. Mathur, formerly Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Calcutta, in connection with an alleged case of bribery and corruption there, is incorrect. Mr. Mathur, it is stated, was not arrested and there was never any question of his being released on bail.

WEATHER

WEATHER CHART

POONA, March 16 (API.) Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 1st December 1948 and departure from normal, recorded at 08-00 hours (I.S.T.), on 16th March 1949:—

Ahmedabad 88 71 0 0 minus 0.2 Bangalore 96 70 0 0.5 minus 0.6 Baroda 101 63 0 0.1 — Belgaum 97 67 0 0 minus 0.5 BOMBAY 90 71 0 0 minus 0.3 Calcutta 95 70 0 0.1 minus 2.3 Cherrapunji 69 59 0 3.0 minus 1.3 Colombo 87 76 0 14.6 minus 0.5 Darjiling 56 40 0 2.2 minus 0.6 Dehra Dun 78 49 0 7.5 plus 0.9 Hyderabad (Dn) 101 67 0 0 minus 1.3 Jubbulpore 90 52 0 1.5 minus 1.2 Wodaikanal 72 56 0 4.7 minus 5.7 Madras 99 77 0 1.7 minus 5.7 Mahableshwar 83 66 0 0 minus 0.6 Marmagao 89—0 0 minus 0.3 Nagpur 100 61 0 0.1 minus 1.7 Coracamund 73 49 0 1.0 minus 2.9 Patna 89 62 0 3.9 plus 2.1 Poona 102 60 0 0 minus 0.3 Simla 54 40 0 7.8 minus 0.5 Surat 101 69 0 0.4—

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, MARCH 16. (API)—Following is the All-India weather summary for Wednesday, the 16th March 1949.

Weather has been dry except for a few showers in Upper Assam.

Night temperatures have fallen in north-east India, the east United Provinces, the central parts of the country and the Bombay Deccan. They were 8 degrees to 12 degrees F. below normal in the East Punjab and Rajputana.

Day temperatures were 4 degrees to 8 degrees F. above normal in the peninsula, Saurashtra and Orissa.

Forecast valid until the evening of 17th:—Weather will be dry except for isolated light showers in and near the Khasi Hills.

Night temperatures will continue markedly below normal in the East Punjab and Rajputana.

RATIONALISATION IN INDUSTRY RESTS ON COUNTRY'S ECONOMY

Labour Minister's Address At All-India Textile Conference

BOMBAY, Wdnesday.

A mere rise in wages at the present juncture would not raise the standard of living of the workers, was the opinion expressed by Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister, Government of Bombay, presiding over the sixth All-India Textile Conference which concluded here today.

Though the workers have not yet attained anything approaching a living wage, paying more and more wages at the present inflationary condition without a corresponding increase in production, would have only an adverse effect on the economy of the country, the Minister added.

Mr. Nanda, who was speaking on rationalisation and standardisation of wages in the textile industry, said that standardisation of wages was but only an aspect of the broader and more comprehensive issue of rationalisation. Remarking that the approach to both these issues has been "irrational and narrow", Mr. Nanda said that the object of any scheme of rationalisation should be to improve the working conditions of labour, augment industrial production and to serve the interests of the consumers in general.

ESTABLISHING RATIONALISED ECONOMY

Adverting to the difficulties in bringing about rationalisation in the textile industry, Mr. Nanda said that a rationalised economy has not been established in the country as a whole and therefore it would not be economically advisable to introduce rationalisation in one particular industry alone. It was primarily a question of planning and the textile industry would have to fit in and adjust itself to such a plan of rationalisation.

The main obstacle to put into operation such a scheme came more from the employers and the technicians than the labourers, the Minister continued. In Ahmedabad standardisation of wages was introduced by mutual adjustment on the part of employers and workers of the textile industry and he said that this example was worth emulating by the rest of the industry.

PRINCIPLES OF STANDARDISATION

The guiding principle of any scheme of standardisation of wages should be to have justice and equity in the matter of output and the return thereof. Otherwise, it was meaningless to introduce the scheme, he averred. He asked the employers not to forget the human aspect of this problem.

Deploring the lack of discipline on the part of textile workers and the use of violence against mill officials and technicians, Mr. Nanda assured that all resources of Government would be used to protect them and to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

Mr. S. G. Annigeri, Mr. G. N. Vaidya, Mr. A. S Banavalikar, Commissioner of Labour, Madhya Bharat, Mr Raja Kulkarni and others took part in the discussion.

In the afternoon Mr. Nandulal M Mehta presided over the session when they discussed matters connected with th expansion of the activities of the Textile Association.

MOTICHAND KAPADIA FELICITATED

To felicitate and to commemorate the services rendered by Sjt. Motichand G. Kapadia, (solicitor,) a social worker and author of books on Jaipism, a function has been arranged on Sunday next at Sunderbai Hall, when a 'purse' will be presented to him by the president of the function, Sir Manilal Baiabhai Nanavati. Shri Mahavira Jaina Vidyalaya, the cynosure of the Jain community, is a living monument of the multifold services rendered by Sjt. Kapadia in the cause of higher education.

Sjt. Kapadia has also rendered services to the city of Bombay as corporator for a number of years. During the non-co-operation movement, he courted jail. He is an energetic member of Gujarati Sahitya Parishad and Sansad, besides many other societies in the literary sphere.

SUGARED MILK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Bombay Municipality's Scheme To Cost Rs. 27,750 A Year

BOMBAY, Wednesday

The Bombay Municipal Corporation will purchase 2,400 maunds of sugar at a total cost of Rs. 27,750. This huge quantity of the sweet stuff is needed for sweetening the milk supplied to undernourished school children. Under this scheme needy school children are supplied with milk every day. But it seems that this nourishing milk was not relished by many of the children to whom it was supplied. It is therefore proposed to add sugar to the milk.

The Municipal Commissioner in a letter to the Standing Committee states that in the next year there will be 22,000 pupils who will be given milk. Assuming that there will be 160 working days in the year ending February 28, 1950, the Municipality will need 2,400 mounds at the rate of 15 maunds per day.

60 MORE BEDS FOR WOMEN T. B. PATIENTS

Standing Committee's Recommendation For R. P. T. Hospital

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A building for accommodating 60 beds for female patients of the Ramesh Premchand Tuberculosis Hospital was recommended to the Bombay Corporation by the Standing Committee today. Mr. Ganpatishanker Desai, Chairman of the Committee presided.

The cost of the building is estimated at Rs. 4,67,011. To enable the construction of this building an area of 8,758 square yards of ex-trust land adjoining the sanatorium will be included in its compound. This land is estimated to cost Rs. 1,75,160.

Earlier it had been proposed that the ward for female patients now existing in the nearby Turner Sanatorium at Sewri should be pulled down and a larger ward for 60 beds in place of the present 40 should be put up. On later examination it has been found that the existing ward can continue for some more time. Secondly when the ward is pulled down there will be no accommodation for any patients till it is built again. The new scheme is therefore proposed in place of the old one.

SINDHI SCHOOLS

The Committee then discussed the Municipal Commissioner's report on the question of opening of Sindhi schools in certain localities for Sindhi-speaking children. The Commissioner stated that "rehabilitation of refugees is a liability of the Provincial Government who will have to be requested to open Sindhi schools or in alternative to make a special grants to the Corporation to meet the entire cost of running such Schools. At present, the Commissioner said the Secretary of the Schools Committee was under correspondence with Government and the Government was giving special consideration to the matter. The Committee postponed the discussion.

GOKHALE'S STATUE TO BE REPAIRED

BOMBAY Wednesday.

After waiting for a whole year the marble statue of Gopal Krishna Gokhale, standing on Churchgate Street, will have its damages repaired. Last March some unknown miscreant knocked off four different chips from the statue. Three of these were chips from the scroll held by Gokhale in his hand and the book on which it rested. The fourth piece knocked off was the tip of the right boot of the great patriot.

The Municipal Commissioner has now arranged to have these damages repaired by a firm of city sculptors at a cost of Rs. 750.

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A JAYSINH Release

The Bombay Chronicle

When all diverse elements are taken into account it may well be that modifications will be required in the Federal plan as it stands at the moment.

—SAMUEL HOAR

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In the Madras Assembly, Mr Bakthavatsalam, Minister for Information, explained the attitude of his Ministry on Government advertising. He was very careful in clearing the air of all suspicion of political discrimination and rightly so After all, the money spent in this way is public money and the overriding consideration must be the usual commercial one of getting the advertised idea across most effectively Mr. Bakthavatsalam observed that advertising was not planned as a matter of patronage nor was it used to persuade newspapers to observe a code of conduct. The specific instance he gave was of a newspaper which had refused to publish the Chief Minister's denial of a report published in that paper despite repeated requests. The Madras Ministry had cut off all the usual press facilities—we dislike the word "privileges" used by the Minister—and discontinued advertisements. The denial of facilities is a drastic act which ought not to be indulged in on only one offence But it is not possible on the evidence to find fault with the Madras Government for its action. The Madras policy regarding Government advertising has a wider application since it is reasonable to presume that it represents the policy of other provincial administrations. The subject has held the attention of the newspaper organisations of the country and it is desirable that Governments pursue some well-understood principles.

Whether by giving or withholding advertisements, it is wrong for an administration to seek to influence the press. On the other hand, it can be readily appreciated that the Government cannot be expected to vitiate its own policy and programme on any special subject by wasting public money in advertisements in that section of the press which opposes it. If, for instance, a provincial Government decided that it would not advertise in newspapers which followed communal interests, so long as non-recognition of communal distinctions was its policy, there could be no rational objection to it. This would be in accord with the directive to provincial administrations from the Centre not to recognize communal politicians Newspapers which feel the need for running against the current of national life, cannot rightly expect to be helped financially by the Government. But it would be in the interest of sound journalism if these vital issues are made known in advance and not turned into an excuse for penalising opinion. So far as withholding facilities go, it would be wrong to resort to this strategy in any circumstances, apart from deliberate and persistent misrepresentation. Mr. Bakthavatsalam's attitude reveals how delicate the whole question is. A Government which has to explain its position in the existing conditions, is confronted by numerous difficulties and all kinds of suspicion. And, so long as the matter is left to individual ministers, these things will continue. It is essential that the broad principles of policy should be determined on and made known. And it would be wise if the newspaper organisations in the country are consulted before the Government's advertising policy is put into effect. But it is necessary that a definite policy is evolved rather than that vague generalizations leaving much to interpretation in provincial advisory committees are formulated. This, we urge, both in the interests of the administration and of the press as a whole. It is not enough that Governments should function justly and without bias in regard to the press; it is necessary too that their actions commend themselves to the general public and, in this particular matter, to the Indian newspaper world.

So far as press facilities go, these are generally the supply of official communiques, blue books and other material, and the admission to press conferences. We do not see how these could be withheld from any newspaper. After all, all these official papers and functions are issued and arranged with a view to educating the public and informing them of the activities of the administration. Any organ of opinion which caters to the public, is entitled to access to these sources of information. To deny them would be equivalent to a municipality cutting off water from a rate-payer; worse in fact, since it will deprive a section of the public of necessary information, even of a necessary corrective to the propaganda to which it is subjected otherwise. The Madras Ministry has been forced to take action against one particular newspaper because it would not publish a correct official version. It would be a strange thing if it becomes a general policy for governments to withdraw all publicity and publicity materials from newspapers which failed to give due weight to government's case on one particular incident.

Caste And Government

The Madras Government is reported to be opposed, at present, to any change in its present policy under which candidates seeking Government service are required to give particulars about their caste and community. It is said that the Government has taken up this attitude in connection with the appointment of the Diwakar Committee by the Government of India to go into the question of Government's policy in respect of caste and communal differences. It may be remembered that Mr R R Diwakar recently moved a resolution in the Dominion Parliament seeking to omit references to one's caste and community in official records including application forms of candidates for appointments with a view to abolishing caste and communal distinctions. But when it was pointed out on behalf of the Government of India that the question required careful investigation and the views of the provinces had to be considered Mr Diwakar withdrew his resolution and the Government of India set up the Committee mentioned above to go into the question.

The Madras Cabinet is understood to have considered the implications of Mr Diwakar's resolution and to have accepted the principle of non-recognition by Government of caste and communal differences. But the Cabinet is understood to have urged that the principle if agreed immediately would deprive Harijans and other backward communities of the special protection which they need for their necessary uplift. It is now generally recognised that a special case needs to be made in favour of Harijans for some time. This is, not because they belong to so-called lower castes, but because untouchability has long done them grievous injustice and something is now due to them in the form of special educational and other facilities. A somewhat similar plea can be urged in favour of some other very backward communities like the Adivasis who, though not treated as untouchables have suffered long as a result of some kind or other of segregation. But if special protection is continued too long in the admission of such communities to the services and educational institutions, it will weaken the incentive to rely on merit more than on caste, and it will tend to retard the very uplift which is desired for them. This will be more true of a large number of "intermediate" communities. The Madras Government, therefore, will do well not to stretch the special case of Harijans too far. In any case, a fairly high percentage of admissions to the services and colleges should depend solely on merit and caste preferences should be progressively reduced. The difficulty of admission to professional schools and colleges is best solved by starting more such institutions. It is hard enough for Hindu society to abolish caste the cause of many undesirable and avoidable inequalities. The task should not be made harder by unduly long recognition of it by the State.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

Mr. W. A. Cole, Editor, Reuters news service, recalled with pride his visit to India in 1945 as a "pathfinder" for the partnership of Reuters with the Indian press. To him, as a Scot Madras and Madras journalism was something striking. Just as one discovered Scotchmen in London, one found the journalists of Madras everywhere (Laughter). "And so I and the Madras journalists have a common bond", he said. (Renewed Laughter).

—Madras Report.

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BHOPAL, March 15: Bhopal State will become a Centrally administered unit or a Chief Commissioner's Province, informed sources here were inclined to believe, following the trend of Mr. V. P. Menon's talk today with the Bhopal Ruler

The imminent end of—what a long trail?

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Seven prominent members of the Frontier Muslim League Assembly party have, according to a Peshawar report, seceded from the Ministerialist Party.

Which is natural and inevitable.

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But their ground for secession is that "the policy chalked out and acted upon by the Chief Minister is Communistic, disruptive and un-Islamic in the light of the objective resolution of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly."

To accuse Abdul Qaiyum of being communistic is one of the wildest jokes imaginable.

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Mr. Walter Lippmann the famous American scholar and political columnist urges that the United States and Britain should not proceed to establish a military policy in the Middle East without consulting India.

Couldn't they please spare India the embarrassment?

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Referring to Pandit Nehru's recent remarks about India, Mr. Lippman says, "it is not a boast but underlines the policy of the largest and the most influential state in Asia, which, though it suppresses communists, yet declares that it will not join any power or group."

We sincerely thank Mr. Lippman.

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"Madame Eve Curie, daughter of the discoverer of radium, said today the "Communists are losing ground in France."

—San Fransisco Report.

What does sister comrade Irene say?

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The Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. told the deputies at the recent meeting that the Soviet Union defended peace, but (?) was leading the battle for progress of humanity.

For the benefit of over-ardent and over-zealous comrades in India and elsewhere the nature, technique and weapons of this "battle" had better be fully defined and elucidated.

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The Russian Trade Union organ "Trud" going forcefully for Turkey its alleged Middle East activities in favour of Anglo-American imperialism etc., says:.."the war-mongers are consistently inflaming the chauvinistic aggressive moods of Turkish reactionaries."

"Aggressive"? Poor Turkey.

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Warning the U. S. against Soviet air accomplishments, Mr. W. C. Jordan, one of America's largest aircraft manufacturers says he would not want to be the pilot of the first American bomber over Russia because there would probably be a "skyfull" of fighter planes.

Most effective as morale booster.

Or was Mr. Jordan trying in this way to boost the cause of peace.

SMUGGLING OF JUTE GOODS TO SOUTH AFRICA

Neogy On Precautions Taken By India Government

NEW DELHI, MARCH 16 (API): THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAD GONE TO THE "FURTHEST LIMITS" IN REGARD TO PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INDIAN JUTE MANUFACTURES GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA, THE COMMERCE MINISTER MR. K. C. NEOGY TOLD MR. R. K. SIDHWA IN PARLIAMENT TODAY.

On account of these precautions he was afraid that legitimate trade in jute was suffering despite these precautions, however, Government had, apparently not succeeded in stopping smuggling totally.

Instructions had been issued to the various trade agents to enquire and let the Government of India know how Indian jute reached South Africa. Very often, the shippers from India said they had no knowledge of the ultimate destination. They tried to make out that so far as they were concerned they were only entering into 'bona fide' transactions.

It was true they shipped jute only to destinations approved by the Government of India on certain conditions. What happened to these goods after they were landed in these ports or if the ship was diverted 'enroute'—the shippers were saying that it was not their responsibility.

A number of complaints had reached the Government from prominent South African Indians that Indian jute was being smuggled into South Africa.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa: Have Government tried to find out from the South African Government how Indian jute is reaching them?

Mr. Neogy: Having regard to our present relations, an enquiry of the type suggested cannot be made.

RECOVERY OF ABDUCTED WOMEN

NEW DELHI, March 16 (API):—While 5,671 abducted women and children were recovered from Pakistan, 9,978 were recovered and restored from India to their relatives in Pakistan upto January 31, 1949, said Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Minister for Transport in reply to Mr. H. V. Kamath in Parliament today. He added that the work of recovery was still in progress.

According to the latest agreement with Pakistan, he said, the recovery of abducted persons was the responsibility of the Dominion where such persons were found to be residing. The actual recovery was done by the police of the Dominion concerned with the assistance of social workers.

Mr. Ayyangar said that a very substantial number of the women restored to India were old women. It was difficult to estimate the exact number of persons abducted from India, but it far exceeded the number so far restored.

KEROSENE POSITION BETTER THAN IN 1941

The supply position of kerosene oil in India has improved, compared to 1941. The total supply in the first quarter of 1949 was 44,000 tons and the quota of distribution was based on the offtake and the Provinces would now get 109 per cent of their respective offtake in 1941, stated Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha, Minister of State, in reply to a question by Dr. Manmohan Das in Parliament today.

He added that the present scarcity was due to the transport bottleneck and shortage of tin cans.

INDIAN SCHOLARS SAFE

Six Government of India scholars at the National Peking University in China were reported to be safe and well, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Keskar told Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao. The Indian Embassy had deposited a certain amount of United States dollars to cover the expenses and to meet any emergency that might arise out of dislocation of communications.

INDO-WEST INDIES SHIPPING

The United Kingdom Government was understood to be giving serious consideration to the recommendations of the Commonwealth Shipping Committee for the provision of direct shipping facilities between India and the West Indies, the Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy, told Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao.

Mr. Neogy added that at present a fleet of seven cargo steamers operated regularly between India and the West Indies to meet the requirements of trade. The only facilities for passengers from India to West Indies were by those steamers which had a limited amount of passenger accommodation.

LOSS OF COAL OUTPUT DUE TO STRIKES

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Minister for Labour, in reply to Mr. S. Nagappa about strikes in coal mines stated that the total number of strikes during the last financial year was 137 and the estimated loss in production was roughly 2,75,000 tons.

SIX MORE PROJECTS UNDER INVESTIGATION

Besides Damodar Valley and Hirakud Dam projects, six more projects are still in different stages of investigation by the Government of India. They include Kosi, Narbada, Tapti, C. P. and Baster State, Sabarmati and Coorg projects.

Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha gave these details in Parliament today in reply to Mr. Moturi Satyanarayana. He said that the headquarters of the Damodar Valley were temporarily located in Calcutta.

The Kosi project is expected to bring 18,00,000 acres of land under cultivation and will take eleven years for completion while Narbada is planned to bring 22,20,000 acres under irrigation and will also take 11 years for completion. The Tapti and C. P. and Baster State projects are likely to irrigate 4,80,000 acres and 8,10,000 acres respectively.

Red Uprising On Korean Island

SEOUL (Korea), March 16. (PTI-Reuter)—Southern Korean Prime Minister Lee Buk Suk today announced that a Communist-inspired uprising of 500 rebels with 15,000 sympathisers has taken place on Cheju (Quelpart) island, about 50 miles off the southern tip of the Korean Archipelago.

Soviet machine-guns and Soviet-trained Korean leaders had been captured by the Korean Army, the Prime Minister stated.

Combined army and police manoeuvres were in progress against the rebels and the Government expected fully to control the situation by the end of March, added Premier Lee, who is also Defence Minister.

He said the Army was surrounding a group of 260 rebels in a village south west of Halla Mountain, in the centre of the island. Police were being employed to follow-up the army and hold the captured areas, he said.

WOODEN GUNS TO MAINTAIN ORDER

A message this morning from Home Minister Shin Sung Mo, who is on the spot, indicated that Government police were handicapped by lack of arms and were using wooden guns and bamboo sticks to maintain order.

Lee Buk Suk declared that one ship belonging to the Government of North Korea (recently evacuated by Soviet occupation troops) and several submarines had been sighted off the coast since January, exchanging signals with rebels in the mountains.

He also reported Korean Army operation against the rebels in South Cholla province. He said 26,000 sympathisers had pledged their loyalty to the Government in return for an amnesty.

ONLY A BLIND

The Minister asserted that the presence of North Korean leaders in Moscow was only a blind for a secret conference of all Russian satellites. He believed this to be a final conference for the discussion of plans against the democracies.

R. S. S. Constitution For Home Ministry

NEW DELHI, March 16, (API):—A copy of the R. S. S. constitution has, it is learnt been passed on to the Home Ministry, Government of India.

NEED FOR FREE TRADE UNIONISM IN INDIA

Transport Minister Praises Railway Workers

NEW DELHI, March 16. (API)—All Trade Unionism should be free—in the sense of freedom from being controlled and ordered about by any outside, agency, whether Government, employers or political parties or their leaders; so alone can they fit into a democracy, declared Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, Minister for Transport and Railways, broadcasting to railway workers from Delhi radio station tonight.

"If this principle is realised and given effect to", he added, "all the ugly rivalries between Railway Unions dominated by different political parties, for promoting or preventing a strike will disappear and railwaymen can then speak with greater strength to their employers as regards their trade union interests. I have appealed already to railwaymen and their leaders, and I do so again now, to ponder over this suggestion of mine, the imperative need for undivided, free trade unionism on the railways"

RAILWAYMEN CONGRATULATED

"Railwaymen", continued Mr. Ayyangar", have given unmistakable proof that they can discriminate between right and wrong leadership and they will not allow themselves to be used as pawns in a game deliberately planned and engineered to subvent the foundations of the State, to produce chaos and to ruin our economy.

"The strike which was threatened and which, had it materialised, would have produced a major upset in the economic life of the country stands averted today thanks largely to the commonsense of the great majority of railwaymen and their understanding of, and responsiveness to, public opinion.

"In the good work that they have done in not merely deciding against a strike but in foiling the endeavours and machinations of a political party whose one object is to create confusion in the country", they have been guided and assisted by leadership of quality", he said. "They rose conspicuously to the occasion. At Dinapur, it was characterised by correctness of judgment, courage in decision and strength in taking action against disloyal erstwhile comarades".

Mr. Ayyangar said it was a matter of supreme satisfaction to him that during the last few weeks, the leaders of labour, in parliament and outside, had almost unanimously agreed with him in stressing the need for preventing trade unions from being exploited for political party objectives. Trade unions are, or ought to be, "be declared", voluntary associations of workers. They should look after the economic interests of workers, grouped according to their jobs and skill and not according to political party labels".

ADJUSTMENT & AGREEMENT

Mr. Ayyangar said that a number of differences between Railway Ministry and All-India Railwaymens' Federation had already been resolved by mutual adjustment and agreement. More of these remained and negotiations would be resumed soon for resolving them. "I am confident", he added "that they will all be resolved to the satisfaction of everybody concerned. I have every hope that standing machinery for dealing with such problems in the future will, by agreement, be brought into existence, so that every railwayman will acquire and derive contenment and happiness from the feeling that this big nationalised industry is his property as much as anybody else's".

FUTURE OF BHOPAL

Talks Postponed Due To Nawab's Illness

BHOPAL, March 16. (API)—"The Nawab of Bhopal's illness has slightly delayed our scheduled programme, but I am returning to Bhopal on March 25 when we hope that everything will be finalised" said Mr. V. P. Menon Adviser to the States Ministry, in an interview to the Associated Press of India a few minutes before he took off from the Bhopal aerodrome for New Delhi this afternoon.

Mr. Menon was accompanied by Mrs. Menon, Mr. Sundaram, Secretary to Law Department, Government of India, Mr. N. M. Buch, Joint-Secretary to the States Ministry, and Mr. Ganesan, Deputy Secretary to the States Ministry.

While Mr. Menon's brief statement came as a mild surprise in view of his declarations earlier this month that the present series of talks on Bhopal's future would be final, informed circles here do not interpret this slight departure from schedule to mean that any hitch has cropped up.

It is pointed out that though the Nawab of Bhopal has passed out of the acute phase of his attack of cholecystitis (inflammation of gall bladder), the attack has left him extremely weak and it was presumably not considered advisable to expose him to the inevitable strain involved in continuous discussions.

Informed circles also believe that while an agreement has already been reached between the negotiating parties on fundamentals it is possible that certain questions of detail yet remain to be settled.

REORGANISING BARODA DISTRICTS FOR MERGER

BARODA, March 16, (API): Baroda will probably be the first Indian State to merge into the Indian Union as part of a Province. This was made possible by an amending bill to the Government of India Act, which added Section 290 (A) to the act in February this year. This fact emerged into view in the course of an Associated Press of India interview today with Mr. G. V. Bedekar, special officer for Baroda

Elucidating further this feature of Baroda's merger, Mr. Bedekar said that the other states which had so far merged into Bombay province like Kolhapur, Rajpipla, Palanpur and Radhapur were being held and administered by Bombay Province at present as separate units. For, they had all merged under the Extra-Provincial Jurisdiction Act. Though ultimately those states would also become part of Bombay Province by a notification, at the moment their entity continued.

Mr. Bedekar said that his work in Baroda would include reorganisation of the districts of the State into districts of Bombay Province, absorption of State Government officials in the Provincial Services and also studying the State Laws and preparing the way for the introduction of Bombay Government laws in State territory as soon as Baroda became part of Bombay

"Concentrate On Promotion Of Peace" Says Acharya Bhave

AURANGABAD, March 6 (A.P.I.): Addressing a prayer meeting here last evening Acharya Vinoba Bhave advised the people not to get themselves entangled in party politics and other squabbles, but to concentrate their attention of loftier ideals for the promotion of peace and prosperity in the country.

Acharya Vinoba Bhave who arrived last evening from Manmad is expected to stay at Aurangabad for two days more.

INDIAN TEACHERS PLUMP FOR ETHIOPIA

NEW DELHI, March 16. (API)—An "amazing number" of Indian teachers want to go to Ethiopia.

Members of the Indian delegation to Ethiopia were told by the Ethiopian Government, that they would welcome Indian teachers, if letters received by one of the delegation members Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan, are any indication, the supply is likely to outstrip the demand.

Poor pay scales in India are believed to be the main reason why a large number of Indian teachers are willing to try their luck overseas.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

WELL DONE

The Jamait-ul-Ulema-i Hind conference, held at Bareilly early this week, deserves to be congraculated on its decision to give up political activities and devote all its energies to the welfare of poor Muslims. The Conference has aso done well to decide that its members should join the Congress and should not participate in the elections from the Jamiat platform. Technically speaking, any person have the constitutional right of organising themselves on a political economic or communal basis within the limits of law. This right automatically springs from the fundamental rights of freedom of speech and association. But in a secular state like India it is unwise even for a majority community to engage in politics on a religious basis, Such a policy is particularly unwise for a minority community. Muslims in India should, therefore, join some noncommunal political body to safeguard their political or general interests

WANTED BETTER ORGANISATION

Addressing a public meeting in the city on Tuesday, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said about the Gandhi Memorial Fund: "There is no scarcity of donors but only lack of proper organization to collect the donations is largely responsible for the total amount of the Fund falling short of all expectations." Many including ourselves, have expressed that view before but the Fund Organisation has continued to be extremely defective. As Dr. Prasad pointed out, the target of Rs. 1 crore for the Tilak Swaraj Fund collected in 1921 was reached in less than three months. That was because Gandhiji himself and several other Congress leaders made sustained and strenuous efforts to collect the Fund. At present many of our leaders are intensely preoccupied with administrative or other urgent work and the Provincial Organisations in charge of the Gandhi Fund have suffered grievously. However, it is not yet too late to make necessary amends. The whole month of April must be devoted to an intensive effort to reach the target, every district being charged to collect its specified quota. The necessary improved organisation should be set up at once and must consist of active workers—and not those who merely pass on their responsibilities to others.

Students and teachers, who will be enjoying their summer vacations in many schools and colleges can be easily pursuaded to help in the collection work.

SOVIET WAR OF NERVES

All speculations regarding the sensational changes in the Soviet Government involving M. Molotov ended in the final conclusion that important members of the Government and the Politburo had been relieved of other duties in order to concentrate on industrial and political mobilisation of the Soviet Union and its allies. It was a significant development in the "cold war". That development has been further underlined by announcements from Moscow of a large-scale reorganisation of Soviet Ministries, involving mergers of existing ministries and creation of new ones. This is the mobilisation aspect of the Soviet Union's reaction to the present situation and its anticipations regarding the future. But that is not all. It is striking back on the international front too, as for instance, against the Atlantic Pact and the efforts of the Western democracies to organise, and consolidate in one front the countries outside the Iron Curtain.

ASIA AND THE WEST

As a recent message explains, the Soviet Union has launched a four-front war of nerves against Scandinavia by her diplomatic note calling on Sweden to 'cease persecuting Baltic nationals wishing to return to the Soviet Union." Sweden has yet to reply to it. Then Norway, Denmark and Finland are being subjected to press attacks and, considering the special situation and circumstances of Finland, it is not surprising that its Premier should already begin yielding. There are also emerging the beginning of a fresh campaign against both Turkey and Iran. The war of nerves is thus vigorously on. Both sides are energetically active. And it is part of the activities of the Western Powers that Great Britain should be rushing representatives to the Asian and South-Asian members of the Commonwealth for talks on Pacific defence against the Soviet Union and the advancing tide of Communism. The alarms and excursions of Western Powers in the Asian and Pacific regions are natural. But it shouldn't be natural for them to expect a fully satisfactory response unless they as fully recognise the aims and aspirations of all Asian countries and, acknowledging their own conduct in the past, realise their responsibilities for the present and the future. Justice and full justice has to be done to these countries by the West before it can expect success for its efforts.

OPEN AIR

The Scarlet Bell Tree is a glorious sight just now. I saw one yesterday as I passed through Mahim which literally made me catch my breath with its beauty. The foliage is very dark green in colour and is composed of compound leaves. At the tips of the branches were huge clusters of olive-green buds, the outer-most of which had opened into bell-shaped flowers, whose red and orange stood out vividly against their foil of deep green. It is a lovely tree, and we should like to see more of them planted as shade trees on our Bombay streets, so that we could not only enjoy the shade provided by their thick foliage, but also feast our eyes on the beauty of their flowers. According to the books I have read, the Scarlet Bell Tree is supposed not to produce fruits very prolifically in Bombay, but I have quite often seen them hanging from the branches like large, greenish-brown sausages. At first sight it seemed as if some gourd-bearing climber had twined its way over the tree, and it was only on closer inspection that one realised that the fruits actually belonged to the tree itself.

D.R.

SCARLET BELL TREE

Kirkee United Held To A Draw By Pressmen

PROVINCIAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

KIKEE UNITED 2
TIMES OF INDIA 2

Kirkee United and Times of India "A" shared four goals in the Provincial Hockey Tournament this evening on the Association Ground.

Although extra time was played no purpose was served and both teams will meet again and a Marathon struggle is expected. Kirkee should have won today, but they missed many last minute scoring chances.

There was nothing of note in the encounter between the Times of India and Kirkee United for both sides were evenly matched. Kirkee United gave an improved display today than they have done in their previous appearances, specially in the lately concluded League.

Mainly responsible for today's team work in the Kirkee side was B Nimal, former Olympic Centre half, who maintained semblances of his former pivotal glory and he distributed to advantage. In the attack G. Nimal directed his colleagues with astute passes and with them responding readily, the Times defence were sorely tried.

From the Times side it is difficult to pick any particular player, but mention must be made of custodian Brown, for his fine saves.

Times took an early lead and in the fifth minute T. Elly running down the left flank reverse flicked and scored. Kirkee retaliated to secure the equalizer but Brown saved well from a shot by Xavier, but the deflection from him went to Venkatesh who shot across goal mouth and a scoring chance was wasted.

The Kirkee side got the equalizer in the twelfth minute of play when from a long corner Gabriel scored. A few minutes later Gabriel again scored and now the Pressmen were in arrears. But they drew level soon when Tony Vaz ran through on his own and from a difficult angle shot, P. Correa lying handy tapped the ball past a bewildered custodian. Times and Kirkee shared four goals at the interval.

In the second period, Kirkee had better chances than the Pressmen and they could have claimed the match had Brown not come to his side rescue. On the first occasion Brown saved a feeble shot from G. Nimal, but Nimal hit off the rebound and it was lucky that the ball came straight into Brown who contacted and saved. Towards the end Venkatesh missed a good chance for he sent in a feeble shot to a helpless goalie who recovered to clear.

Extra time was played but to no advantage and in the second period of extra time G. Nimal and D. Nimal were warned for dirty play by Umpire A. J. Francis.

THE TEAMS:

KIRKEE UNITED: Shinde; Maleloo, Darekar; Readycash, B. Nimal, F. Martes; Xavier, Gabriel, D. Nimal, G. Nimal, Venkatesh.

TIMES 'A': Brown; Roberts, P. Fernandes; H. D'Souza, J. Rodrigues, L. D'Souza; L. Braganza, J. Vaz, Tony Vaz, F. Corea, Elly.

Tata's who were scheduled to play earlier against B. B. & C. I. Railway 'A' earned a walkover as the Railway had only seven men on the field, the rest being unable to get the necessary leave.

MALAYANS LIKELY O PLAY IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

It is very likely that Bombay Badminton "fans" will very shortly have an opportunity of seeing the Malayan Badminton players in action.

The Malayans, who recently won the Thomas Cup for their country, are at present touring Europe, and arrangements are understood to be underway for their breaking journey here on their way home.

Permission it seems has been obtained from the local Badmintonton body for staging exhibition matches at the Cricket Club of India Courts in which the Malayans are expected to take part.

Dufferin Win By Three Goals

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In the Inter School Hockey League for the Ahmed Sailor Cup, I.M.M.T.S. Dufferin easily accounted for St. Sebastian's by three clear goals to nil.

The two teams had an equal share of the game and also of the scoring chances, but the Dufferin boys took advantage and scored, while St. Sebastians squandered chance after chance

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In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

4-40 p.m. St. Xavier's vs. Little Flower; 5-40 p.m. Dufferin vs. Don Bosco. (School's League).

Bombay Gymkhana Ground

4-20 p.m. Times vs. Kirkee United; 5-40 p.m. Tata's vs. Dockyard.

BILLIARDS

P. V. M. Gymkhana

5-30 p.m. Women's Open Billiard Tournament.

Aga Khan Hockey Tournament

GOOD SUPPORT FROM UP-COUNTRY TEAMS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Much interest is centered on the popular Aga Khan Hockey Tournament and the Tournament Committee have strained every nerve to make it a brilliant success. The tournament which is held on the Bombay Gymkhana Ground will this year be shod of a preliminary round and the draw for the tournament proper will be held on Friday, the 18th March. The tournament commences on Monday, 28th March.

Colour will be lent to this premier hockey tournament by the several up country challengers that are making the journey to deprive Kirkee United, the holders of the trophy. Prominent among these are the East Punjab Police, in whose ranks will be seen Trilochan Singh and the popular players who came last year as Faridkot. Then there is Gwalior, whose welcome return will be watched with interest. Bhopal too are serious contenders. Lucky stars from Belgaum last year's semi-finalists. Then the Central Ordinance Depot; Jubbulpore, Kirkeeana, Poona United and Hindustan Aircraft are making their appearance for the first time and from reports already available they may provide an upset.

There are some doubtfuls, but a team which might make the trip and are most certainly welcome are the Bareilly Nobles among whose ranks will be seen "Babu", Wahidullah, Idris and famous players of Kamla Club. Then also welcomed are Punjab Sports from Calcutta, who this year are fighting for premier honours in the Calcutta Hockey League. Enthusiasm would run high if the Committee could secure the necessary arrangements for a team from Pakistan and on good authority negotiations are well on the way.

Bombay's local support have been restricted to the following sides: St. Xavier's College, Tata's, Lusitanian's, Dockyard, B. B. & C. I. Railway, G. I. P. Railway, R. I. Navy, Goans Sports, Bombay Port Trust, Young Sports, Times of India, Catholic Gymkhana, Bombay Army Area and Bombay City Sports Club.

The maximum number of teams that are participating in the tournament has been restricted to thirty-two. The first round matches will commence on the 28th and two matches will be played every day. Popular prices will prevail. There will be no season tickets this year.

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of scoring and had themselves to blame for their defeat.

The Dufferin were best served by left back D. Choudary, pivot Jaffari in the defence, while Corea, B. D'Souza and A. D'Sa combined well For St. Sebastian's left back Dias was conspicuous.

A. D'Sa put Dufferin in the lead with a fine solo effort. Corea scored the second goal. Dufferin led two nil at interval A. D'Sa scored his sides final goal to put the score up three nil

INDIAN PLAYER FOR WIMBLEDON

Miss Laura Woodbridge, the well-known Indian tennis player, and ranking No. 2 in the country, left for England on Saturday. She will be participating in the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships. While in England, Miss Woodbridge will, on the request of the ILTA, negotiate for bringing out a professional from England to coach promising players in India.

Handicaps For Saturday' Races

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following are the handicaps for Spring Meeting, Third Day to be held on Saturday March 19th.

THE DAWOOD HOY NENSEY CUP
Horses, (C II) 7 Furlongs

Chakori 9-4 Thaiwil 9-4 Asoka 9-2 Royal Crusader 9-2 Ma'maselle 9-2 Rim Jhim 9-1 Kirti 8-12 Post Master 8-12 Parting Summer 8-10 Maratha Mandir 8-10 Flying Arrow 8-8 Full House 8-5 Pair Haven 8-5 Chocolate Baby 8-3 Flotilla 8-2 Ramai 8-0 Sunbathing 7-12 Raj Doot 7-12 Royal Mantle 7-10 Fie 7-6 Simon's Sister 7-6 Red Bird 7-6 Pippy 7-4 Je Reviens 7-2 Pankaj 7-2.

THE E. D. KAZI PLATE (Indian Horses, C III) About 1¼ Miles

Cocktop 9-3 Pay Master 9-0 Aan Baan 9-0 Black Page 8-9 Crescent 8-6 Once Again 8-4 The Judge 8-3 Masked Player 8-3 Dragon Seed 8-0 Put All 7-11 Malakeh 7-10 Pride d'Antibes 7-10.

THE MAHALUXMI PLATE (Indian Horses, C IV) 7 Furlongs.

DIVISION I

Ghizala 9-0 Here Again 9-0 Blue Mist 8-13 Sweetie Shah 8-13 Laila 8-12 Grace 8-12 My Fe 8-10 Spring Chicken 8-7 Bold Bandit 8-6 Panditji 8-5 Akash Deep 8-4 Hikmet 8-3 March On 8-2 March On 8-2 Atomic 8-2 Dashera 7-8.

DIVISION II

Invader 9-0 Rashtrapati 8-13 Wood Nymph 8-11 Gentle Whisper 8-11 Vie On 8-9 Whirlwind 8-8 Super Charge 8-6 Full Poppy 8-6 Just Wait 8-5 Patakha 8-4 Ajinkya Tara II 8-4 Shah Nawaz 8-1 Tantalum 8-1 Ayaaz 8-0 Princess of Hindustan 7-12 Banshee 7-10.

THE VILE PARLE PLATE (Indian Horses, C V, Winners) 6 Furlongs.

DIVISION I

Indiana 9-3 Kickshaw 9-1 Tamasha 8-13 Flying Clipper 8-13 Shirazi 8-10 Blue Arrow 8-9 Plucky Princess 8-9 Yearling 8-8 Navroze 8-7 Tamanna 8-6 Untamed Prince 8-6 Glitter 8-6 Peggotty 8-5 King Richard 8-2 President 7-8 Missing Link 7-8.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

DIVISION II

Mirella 9-5 Onslaught 8-11 Magic Hour 8-11 Big Hearted 8-11 Trunk Call 8-8 My Pleasure 8-7 King of Diamonds 8-7 Vagabond Queen 8-5 Celeste 8-5 Progress 8-5 Nicotine 8-4 Down South 8-4 Peppermint, 8-1 Amelia 8-0 Prince Jehangir 7-9 Traitor 7-3 Robin Adair 7-3 Zanzavat 7-0.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE CUMBALLA PLATE (Indian Horses, 4 yrs. old & over, C V, Maidens) 7 Furlongs

DIVISION I

Little John 9-3 Chetna 8-10 King's Star 8-10 Prove It 8-10 Cordial 8-10 Ma Cherie 8-7 On and On 8-7 Gwalior Express 8-6 Ghaflah 8-0 Jahan Zaib 8-0 Midinette 7-12 Khyber 7-11 Who Knows 7-11 Cinesina 7-4 Whispering 7-4 Eileen 7-4.

To be ridden on even terms by Apprentice Jockeys who have not ridden 10 or more winners.

DIVISION II

Poppet 9-2 Sinhgarh 8-7 Chandrakur 8-7 Icy Hot 8-7 Magic Love 8-5 Duchess of Ramgarh 8-4 Izador 8-0 Abdel 8-0 Phone Again 7-11 Lakshmi Devi 7-9 Bella 7-7 Gurjari 7-6 Crepe de Chine 7-5 Titina 7-4 Amar Bind 7-2.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

East Punjab Win National Title

NEW DELHI, March 16, (API):—East Punjab won the Inter-Provincial Hockey Championship Tournament this evening by defeating West Bengal by two goals to nil.

NOT UNEXPECTED

East Punjab's victory was not unexpected after the elimination by the winners in the semi-finals of Bhopal who were holders of last year's championship. The margin of two goals victory was small as compared with the chances available for scoring. In all aspects of the game the game of the Punjab team was better, compared to the opponents who nonetheless played gamely. Bengal also threw away a few chances to score

The first quarter showed even play till the 18th minute when Punjab opened the score through Uddamsingh who from the 25 yads bully off near the Bengal goal rushed alone and hit hard. The goalkeeper Scott took the shot on to his pads but the ball deflected into the goal. In the next few minutes before the interval there was no outstanding incident, the ball generally remaining in mid-field.

BENGAL'S EFFORT PROVES FRUITLESS

After resumption. Bengal redoubled their efforts but their forwards, particularly Glacken. Jansen and Kapoor were held up by the Punjab defence Tarlochan and Dharam who acquitted themselves well. In the ninth minute however, Punjab increased the lead through Bakshish Singh who combined exchanges with the centre forward Balbir Singh from midfield and went to score from the top of the circle Bengal made some more attempts but in vain. even a short corner forced on Punjab in the last minute proving fruitless.

Sardar Baldeo Singh, Defence Minister, gave away the trophy to the winners.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

Dramatic Developments In Morarka's Case

MUNSHI'S CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MRS. MIRANDA HELD UP: INSPECTOR MISTRI IN WITNESS-BOX

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The recorded statement of Mrs. Miranda, wife of Inspector Miranda of the Anti-Corruption Branch, was dramatically found to be missing from the case file of Mr. Boowariwala, Counsel for the prosecution, when he was asked to produce the document as the cross-examination of Mrs. Miranda was proceeding in the "Morarka Bribery Case" in the Esplanade Court today.

Mrs. Miranda was being examined by Mr. K. M. Munshi, counsel for the defence, on the part she played in "trapping" Damjibhai, second accused in the case. Mr. Munshi said he had some questions to ask based on her statement to the police subsequent to the raid.

Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, asked Mr. Boowariwala to hand over the statement to Mr. Munshi. He went through his case file and exclaimed: "It is not here, Your worship. It is missing."

Two officers of the Anti-Corruption Branch were sent in a taxi to go their office and locate the missing document but they returned soon after to say it could not be found.

Meanwhile, Mr. Munshi insisted on having the document and said he would postpone further cross-examination of Mrs. Miranda until the document was found. The Court also ordered the prosecution to produce the statement at the resumption of the hearing on Thursday morning.

Earlier in the morning when further cross-examination by Defence Counsel K. M. Munshi of Nowsherwanji Kalyaniwala was resumed witness said that on April 24 last year he had a telephone talk with Inspector Miranda of the Anti Corruption Branch when the Officer asked him to see Gokulchand Morarka at his mill. But he did not go there; neither he informed Mr. Miranda about this.

Later, witness stated, Morarka told him to make all the necessary arrangements and also to take the money to the Anti-Corruption Branch officer. He replied he would see to that and that he would meet Morarka after having a talk with Mr. Miranda. Afterwards, he told Morarka that he could see Mr. Miranda himself and settle the money affair. "I told him that I won't interfere in the matter of money," witness Kalyaniwala said.

On April 30 both Mr. Miranda and Morarka asked the witness to meet them at the office of the Anti-Corruption Branch but they did not say why they were calling him, nor at that time did he ask them for the reason. But Mr. Miranda said, "Come positively." At the meeting he told Mr Miranda that Morarka had promised to pay him (Mr. Miranda) Rs. One Lakh as the first "instalment".

DEALINGS IN JAWHAR STATE

Answering Mr. Munshi's questions about his activities in Jawhar State, Kalyaniwala stated that he started the Jawhar Chemical Company in the State and in the name of the firm used to obtain permit for importing liquor into Jawhar. The liquor cases would be purchased from S. S. Miranda and Co., Bombay, and in certain instances he obtained landing certificates from the excise authorities of the State even without taking the liquor consignments there. Later on they would be sold in Bombay, he admitted answering Mr. Munshi.

Mr. Munshi: How many such cases were sold by you in Bombay?

Mr. Boowariwala, Counsel for the Prosecution, objected to the question but the court overruled the objection.

Witness replied that over seven thousand cases had been obtained by him on permit to be imported into Jawhar State but out of them five thousand were disposed of in Bombay itself. Answering further questions Kalyaniwala stated that he paid "under pressure" Rs. 1,30,000 to one official of the Excise Department in Bombay He explained that the money had been paid by him under great pressure from the official concerned.

He also admitted that a sum of Rs. One lakh was paid to another officer under similar circumstances.

To Jawhar State authorities he had paid Rs. 3,50,000 as duty and not as "bribe".

DEALINGS IN JAWHAR STATE

Superintendent Bashiruddin of the Anti-Corruption Branch, examined next, submitted that on the 5th of May he asked Mr. Miranda to ring up Damjibhai, the second accused, and overheard their conversation through an ear-phone. There was a reference in the conversation to the bribe offer and thus witness ascertained that Mr. Miranda's report to him was true.

Deputy Commissioner Quilter, Mr. P. D. Bapat and Mr. A. G. Fernandes both of them employees of the Civil Supplies Department, were then cross-examined by the Defence Counsel. Mr. Bapat and Mr. Fernandes stated that they happened to be in the office of the Anti-Corruption Branch on the morning of the 5th May whe the telephone conversation between Mr. Miranda and Mr. Damjibhai took place. They were asked to take down the conversation, which they did in long hand.

MRS. MIRANDA IN WITNESS BOX

Mrs. Miranda, wife of Mr. C. J. V. Miranda, Inspector in the Anti-Corruption Branch to whom Mr. Morarka was alleged to have offered the bribe, was called to the witness box next.

Mr. Munshi: Does Mr. Miranda tell you everything that happens in the Anti-Corruption Branch every day, about the traps he might be going to lay etc?

Witness: In the ordinary course he does not tell me.

She said that in the particular instance her husband told her Mr. Morarka was offering him a bribe of Rs. one lakh and that he wanted her to play a part because he (Mr. Miranda) would pass on the money to her after receiving it from Damjibhai, the second accused, and then she would have to go out with it.

Mr. Munshi: Did your husband tell you why it was necessary that you should be involved in it? Witness replied that he did not tell her.

She also stated she was very reluctant to play the role but Mr. Miranda told her he had told Damjibhai he would be passing on the money to her.

HER ROLE

Mrs. Miranda proceeded to say that on the morning of May 5, 1948, Damjibhai came to see her and they both went to Thomas Bros. nearby in order to telephone to Inspector Miranda asking him to come over to the house. Damjibhai was "terribly nervous." She was with him all the time, except for a few moments now and then.

Answering Mr. Munshi, witness replied that Damjibhai did not tell her that she should take what he had brought with him.

She submitted that except for the telephone call to her husband from the nearby Thomas Bros. she did not send any other phone message to Mr. Miranda.

Mr. Munshi asked: If I said that you did not phone from Thomas Bros. but Damjibhai did, will it be true?

Answer: No, not at all.

Mr. Munshi: Again, if my case was that you sent another telephone message to your husband from some other telephone, will that be true?

Answer: No.

Witness stated she had given a statement to the police soon after the raid and that it was recorded by Deputy Inspector Mistry.

STATEMENT MISSING

Mr. Boowariwala, Counsel for the Prosecution, searched his files and exclaimed that the recorded statement was missing.

A hush fell over the court as Mr. Boowariwala proceeded to explain: "I am anxious to produce it. I am not running away."

Mr. Munshi, counsel for the defence: I have some questions to ask of Mrs. Miranda based on her statement to the police. I must have it. I am entitled to it. I am here to defend my client.

Mr. Boowariwala wanted time to find the statement. Inspector Miranda was sent in a taxi to the office of the Anti-Corruption Branch. He returned soon after to say that the document could not be found there.

INSPECTOR MISTRI EXAMINED

Meanwhile, Mrs. Miranda was asked to stand down and examination of Deputy Inspector Mistri, who had recorded her statement, was taken up.

Mr. Munshi: Where did you keep Mrs Miranda's statement?

Mr. Mistry: I handed it over to Superintendent Bashiruddin.

He said that he had the case file, from which the document was missing, with him when he was giving evidence on the 24th December. There was only one file containing all the statements. On all the days he was visiting the court in connection with the case the file was being brought to the Court by some constable or other. It was handled by several officers as occasion arose.

Mr. Munshi: Where was the file when you left on leave?

Answer: It was in the office steel cupboard.

Q—In whose custody?

Witness replied that one key was with Bashiruddin and another with the senior havildar.

Asked if all the officers had access to the cupboard, he said that they could open it if they needed any documents.

Mr. Munshi: Any other documents missing from the case file?

Witness looked in the file carefully and said except Mrs. Miranda's statement no other document was missing.

Mr. Mistry stated he had not taken any copy of Mrs. Miranda's statement. Nor did he knew whether any copies of it had been made.

The court rose for the day and will resume hearing of the case on Thursday morning.

Jai Hind College

The Jai Hind College, an institution for displaced students from Sind will expand its activities and start a science department from June next.

It is understood that the Government of Bombay have allotted a spacious bungalow on Pedder Road to the College to enable it to run a Science section.

The Jai Hind College, which at present runs only Arts classes, holds its classes in the premises of the Elphinstone College during morning hours only.

As an interim measure and till the college is able to put up its own building, the Government have helped the college authorities to run its Science extension in a bungalow.

TARIFF BOARD CHIEF FOR CALCUTTA

BOMBAY, Wednesday

In connection with the Tariff Board's inquiry into the claim of the textile machinery manufacturing industry for protection or assistance Mr. G. L. Mehta, President, and Dr. H. L. Dey, Member, Indian Tariff Board, will proceed to Calcutta this week-end to visit the factories there. The present inquiry relates to spinning rings, ring frames, spindles as well as loom and parts.

They will also visit glass factories during their visit in connection with the claim of the glass industry for protection.

Mr. Mehta is expected to be in Calcutta from March 19 to 23 and Dr. Dey from March 20 to 25.

GURUKULA KANGRI ANNIVERSARY

The 47th anniversary of the Gurukula University is going to be celebrated on 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th April, 1949. Admission of the new Brahmcharies to the Gurukula will be held on the 16th April, 1949.

Rationed Cloth Dealers Meet Civil Supplies Minister

BOMBAY, March 16.—A deputation of the Federation of Bombay Retail Cloth Dealers' Associations saw Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, the Civil Supplies Minister, on Monday last and discussed with him various hardships experienced by the rationed cloth dealers in getting the delivery of the cloth from M/s Poddar Trading Co.

The Minister listened sympathetically and considered the proposals put forth by the deputation as a remedy to these hardships. He instructed the representatives of M/s Poddar Trading Co. whom he had specially called there, to make certain arrangements to remove these hardships.

Physical Education Conference

Many of the prominent persons and leaders in the field of Physical Education in Bombay desire to hold a Conference of Physical Educationists in this City, which is the first of its kind in this Province. The Conference is sponsored by Government and will hold its deliberations under eight "Sections".

It is now decided to hold this Conference on Saturday, the 26th and say, the 27th March in Bombay.

His Excellency Sir Maharaj Singh, the Governor of Bombay, has agreed to inaugurate the Conference; and the Rt. Hon'ble Dr. M. R. Jayakar, the Vice-Chancellor of Poona University will preside. The Honourable Ministers with the Government of Bombay, the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, and many other high personages have also agreed to inaugurate or preside at the various "Sections" of the Conference.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, NEWS

BOMBAY, Wednesday

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. B. D. Sharma, Mr. P. S. Banarase, Sir John Sargent and Mr. Wickham.

H. H. The Prince and Princess de Ligne, Princess Yolande de Ligne, Monsieur and Madame Jaroslav Sejnoha, Monsieur and Madame Georges Carlier, Professor and Mrs. Walter Langhammer, Mrs. Sophia Wadia, Mr. Durga Shanker Bajpai, Mr. R. K. Bhosle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rowland-Jones and Revd. and Mrs. C. H. Loehlin came to lunch.

Rani Maharaj Singh presided over the Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Women's Work Guild as Government House

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MR. P. M. RAJE

Mr. P. M. Raje has been appointed Publicity Officer with the B.P.C.C. Mr. Raje who had been working in a Gazetted Publicity appointment with the Government of India and earlier with the Government of Bombay for over six years resigned his Government post to join the B.P.C.C.

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SHANKARRAO DEO

NAGPUR, March 16. (UPI): Mr. Shankarrao Deo General Secretary of the All India Congress Committee is undertaking a tour of the province from March 19. for three days. He will leave for Delhi by the Grand Trunk Express on March 22

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ZAFRULLAH FOR LAKE SUCCESS

KARACHI, March 16. (API):—Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, will leave at the end of this month to lead Pakistan's United Nations delegation at Lake Success, it is understood before leaving Karachi he is likely to meet Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy British Conservative leader, who is now on his way home from a visit to Australia.

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LADY MOUNTBATTEN'S VISIT TO BOMBAY POSTPONED

Due to indisposition, Lady Mountbatten's visit to Bombay has been postponed. She is now expected to arrive in Bombay by air on the evening of Monday, March 21 and will leave after midnight on Wednesday, March 23

1,945 MADRAS POLITICALS GET LAND

MADRAS, March 16. (UPI)—In the Madras Legislative Assembly today, the Minister for Industries Mr. H. Sitarama Reddy informed the members that 1,945 political sufferers, had been granted lands permanently or provisionally upto the end of December, 1948.

SURPLUS BUDGET FOR S. AFRICA

CAPETOWN, March 16., (PTI-Reuter):— The South African Finance Minister Mr. Nicolaas Havenga, presenting his budget in the House of Assembly today, warned that the Union must "spend less to remain out of debt"

South Africa has no need to be concerned about her economic soundness in the coming year. Mr. Havenga said.

Apart from the statutory reserves of about £36,000,000 in gold, the Union possessed about £90,000,000 free reserve in gold

During 1948 South Africa paid £476,000,000 overseas, made up of £350 000,000 for imported goods, £46,000,000 invisible imports, and £80,000,000 gold loan to Britain

The Union sold goods overseas for about £134,000,000 and gold production for the year totalled about £100,000,000

The net external debt stood at £8,525,000 and net Public Debt at £641,503,000. The financial year 1948-49 showed a surplus of £7,590,000

Plea To Invite Ireland To Join Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON, March 16. (U.P.A.): Democratic Senator Mike Mansfield has urged that Ireland be invited to join the proposed Atlantic Pact after which it would be up to the Irish Government to decide whether it still wished to make acceptance conditional on partition being brought to an end.

Mansfield, who is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and leading Irish Congress member said in a United Press of America interview that he personally favoured bilateral negotiations between the Irish and British Governments "to iron out this thorny problem." He declined to say whether he favoured the present Irish Government position that the matter of partition be tied in with alliance discussions.

BOMBAY RACES

SPRING MEETING

3rd DAY

Saturday, 19th March

DAY ENTRANCE

FIRST: Gents Rs. 5/8 Ladies Rs. 3/8 || SECOND: Rs. 3/8

RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

FIXATION OF CHARCOAL PRICES

Government of Bombay has fixed retail and wholesale prices of charcoal in the Greater Bombay and 47 villages rationed area as follows:—

Quality.	Wholesale Charges (per Quarter) Rs. as. ps.	Retail Charges (Per Quarter) Rs. as. ps.
(i) Medium charcoal which does not pass through 3/4 inches mesh	1 14 0	2 2 0
(ii) Khar charcoal which passes through 3/4 inches mesh but does not pass through 1/4 inches mesh.	1 4 0	1 8 0

Retail charges include delivery charges at consumer's place. The relevant notification fixing these prices has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette (extraordinary) Part I, dated the 16th March 1949. The prices now fixed come into force with effect from that date.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

MODERATE BUYING IN COTTON MILL SHARES

BOMBAY March 16.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled steady today with moderate business. Recent reports of some mills are believed to be satisfactory and there is more disposition to buy on the theory that present quotations are moderately attractive This belief is inducing increased demand for mill shares. Steel shares were also steady.

At the opening Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1657/- and improved at Rs 165 Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 292/-and advanced at Rs. 95/-

Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 955/- and after declining at Rs. 950/- improved at Rs. 955/- Kohinoors were in demand at Rs. 296/-. While Swadeshi shares were quoted at Rs. 292/- Scindia shares opened easy at Rs. 16/1 but rallied at Rs. at Rs. 16/5 on short covering.

Later on the market was steady. Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 1665/- and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 295/8 Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 24/8 and Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 21/- Simplex Mill shares were quoted at Rs. 184/- and Gokaks stood at Rs. 292/-.

Tata Powers were placed at Rs. 1535/- and Associated Cements were quoted at Rs. 150/- Bellapurs came in business at Rs. 216/4 and Burma were quoted at Rs. 264/- closing tone of the market was steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (12/8)	952 8
Kohinoor Mills (6)	290 0
Swadeshi Mills (22)	291 8
Central India Mills (4)	243 8
Simplex Mills (8)	185 0
New Great Eastern (8) XD	158 8
Indore (9 plus 3)	172 8
Gokak Mills (20)	290 0
Century Spinning (15)	261 4
Colaba (12)	152 0
India Bleaching (6)	153 0
Swan Mills (20)	323 12
Finlay Mills (15)	279 8
Morarji Gokuldas XD	450 0
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	240 0
Meyer (12) XD	112 8
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15 6
Indian United Defd. (1-10)	1 10
India United Ord. (0-13-0)	11-4-6
Madhusudan Mills (15) XD	175 0
Poona (5)	143 12
Khatau Makanji (8)	202 8
Indore Coupon	86 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	194 12
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1666 4
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	139 0
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	150 0
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	269 6
Belapur Sugar (9)	216 4
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	31 0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	16-6-6
Premier Construction	115 0
Tata Chemical	12 9
Tata Oil (2)	65 8
India Iron (0-12)	24 9
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	21 4
British India Corp. (0-14)	8-14-6
I. Copper	2 3
Wimco AR	187 8
Alcock	278 2
Belapur Coupon	54 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (50)	1535 0
Andhra Valley (45)	1435 0
Tata Hydro	154 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	65 0
Phoenix Mills (50) XR	206 4
India Manufacturing	—
Kooria Mills (8)	120 0
New City Mills 10)	198 2
Minerva	122 6
Bradbury	567 8
Bharat Mills (2)	33 0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 12
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 8
Madavji Dharmsi (0-12)	14 4
Model Mills (12-8)	186 4
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	600 0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	208 12
Western India ((40)	4070 0
Standard (15)	345 8
Sholapur Mills (200)	2300 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9 12
Hindustan Mills (40)	4225 0
Tata Mills (2)	58 12
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	258 12
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	12 0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	175 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78 12
Berar Mills	260 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	129 6
Ahmedabad New	18 8
Surat Electricity (2-8)	147 8
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-5)	10-10
Ajmer Electricity (0-9	10 8
Amalgamated	12 8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (5)	150 0
Bombay Suburban (3)	162 8
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	152 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1877 0
Imperial Bank of India P.P. (8-12)	464 6
Central Bank	87 0
Central Bank New (1-8)	85 8
Bank of India (4) XR	197 8
Union (0-8)	7 15
Bank of Baroda (2-8)	141 12
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial (1-8)	57 0
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	29 8
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) X.D.	4200 0
Empire (10)	675 0
New India (1-8)	61 0
Jupiter (1-4)	18 4
Vulcan (0-10)	11 14
Indian Mercantile (2)	35 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B.I.G. (1)	18 12
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All-India General	15 2
RAILWAY SHARES	
G.P. (1-14)	111 8
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	120 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (10)	337 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	103 12
Burma Petrol	1 8 3
Mackenzie (6)	88 0
Port Canning (3)	62 0
Kemp and Co. (30)	640 0
Kemp and Co. (New)	462 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	92 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	36 8
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	197 8
Supreme India X.R.	. .
Jam Wire (6)	67 4
Bombay Uganda	69 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	34 0
Indian Cement (1937)	25 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (P.S.)	147 8
Associated Cement New (1-4)	144 0
United Motor	70 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	380 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbolic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	188 12
Andhra Valley (7)	1212 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1245 0
Hydro Electric (7)	126 4
Bombay Steamer (8)	308 8
Central India (5)	625 0
Swadeshi Mills	126 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	645 0
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Alphinstone Mills (7)	117 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	101 4
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	131 14
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	102 8
Morarji	106 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1969) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 9 6
New Victoria Mill	2 8
New Victoria Mills (Pref.)	5 0
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	110 0
Gold Mohur (20)	302 8
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	140 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	300 0
Asam Jahi Mills (10)	340 0
Air Service XR	7 8
Air India	100 0
Hind Motor	4 14
India Steam	8 7

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 16.

There was no forward business in the local cotton market today.

It is said that our Government is intending to import some American cotton to meet the requirements of mills.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May contract is 818 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, March 14.

KARNAK May	73.60—225
KARNAK Nov.	64.75—115
ASHMOUNI Apr.	46.80—145
ASHMOUNI Oct.	46.87—140

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 16.

The Produce market was firm today with active general buying Castorseeds May delivey opened at Rs. 140/- and after declining at Rs. 139/14 advanced at Rs. 140/14 and steadied at Rs. 140/11 but again declined at Rs. 140/2/- groundnuts and linseed sections were also firm with good enquiry.

Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	39	4	0
Coromandal	38	12	0
Bold ready	38	2	0
Bold Feb.-March	38	0	0
Bold April-May	38	0	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
May delivery	140	2	0
Ready	28	8	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	29	5	0
Feb.March	29	1	0
April-May	29	3	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready receipts	21	4	0
March	21	2	0
April	21	4	0
Linseed Oil	18	0	0
Castorseed Oil first pressing	19	0	0
Castor seed oil commercial quality	17	0	0

SEEDS TRADERS' ASSOCIATION LTD.

The Election of the President, Vice-President and Directors of the Seeds Traders' Association Ltd. will take place on Thursday the 17th instant between 11 to 5 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday the 21st March 1949 at 3-15 p.m. at the Association's office.

Rise In Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, March 16.

In view of the sharp rise in New York and Allpai Markets, the local quotation is fixed at Rs. 1,400.

Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, March 16.

Inferior Quality	20	0	0
Bazar Quality	22	0	0
B.g Site	24	0	0
Buland	102	0	0
March	32	6	0
May	32	5	0
Jan. 1950	29	8	0
Arrival Bags		1821	

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, March 16.

120 D. Ready	3	9	0
150 Japan Ready	3	4	0
150 D. Box March	653	0	0
150 D. Box April	660	0	0

Calicut Market

CALICUT, March 16

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145; Quilandy 145/155; Fibre Garbled 90; Ungarbled 80; Cocoanuts Raw 175; Dry 176/185; Cocoanut Oil 600; Copra Office 405; Dilpasand 410; Madras Nottam 430; Pepper Wynaad 1575; Country 1570; Dry Ginger Chernad 800; Ernad 750; Coffee Robusta 150; Timber Pali 50/52/8; Junglewood $2/35; Vellapine 65/75; Benteak 50/55; Teak 90/125; Mango 3/3/4; Teak 20/25; Rosewood 20/22/8.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, March 16.

Tata Ordinary 294/12 Tata Deferred 1666/4 Indian Iron 24/9 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21/4 Bombay Dyeing 952/8 Central India 242/12 Gokak 290 Kohinoor 299/6 Simplex 185 Swadesh 291/14 Tata Power 1535 Associated Cement 150 Belapur 216/4 Bombay Burma (Old) 269/6 Scindia 16/6/6 Central Bank 87 New India 61 Tata 2nd Pref. 139

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 16.

MILLS

Apollo 3 2-15-6
B. Dyeing 955 50 58-12 51-4 58-4 52-8
C. India 240 44 43-8
Colaba 152
Finlay 279 80 79 79-8
Gokak 289 88 91 88 90
I. U. Defd. 1-10-3 1-10
I. U. Ord. 11-5 11-3 11-4-6
Indore 171-4 72-8
Kohinoor 294 94-8 93-8 97 96-8 300 299
Meyer 112-8
Model 186-4
Morarji 450
New Great 156 55 58-8 (Ex. Div.)
Podar 143-12
Sassoon Cotton 9-11 9-12
Simplex 184 85-8 85
Swadeshi 288 86-8 93 9-8 93-8 91-8
Swan 323-8
Tata Mills 59 58-12
C. P. Rly. 111-8
Scindia 16-12 16 16-10 16-5-6 16-7 16-6-6

BANKS

Central 87-4 87 87-8 87
Central A New 85-8
Imperial Old 1890
Imperial New 462-8 65-10 64-6
India 107-12
Union 7-15

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 129-6
Ajmer 10-10
Andhravalley 1435 37-8
Suburban 162-8
Hydro 154
Hydro Pref. 126-4
Power 1535 40 35

INSURANCE

New India 61 60-12 61
Vulcan 11-12 11-14

STEEL

B. Steel 20-14 21 20-15 21-4
I. Iron 24, 24-8 24-6 24-9
Tata Defd. 1658-12 55 65 62-8 67-8 65 66-4
Tata Ord. 292-8 92 94-8 94-4 95-8 94-8 94-12
Tata 2nd Pref. 138-8 39

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 277-8 75 76-4
A.C.C. Old 149-12 49 50
A.C.C. New 144 43-4 44
Belapur 215 16-4
B B. Old 267-8 65 70 67-8 69-6
B.B. New 103-12
B.B. Petrol 1-8-6 1-8 1-8-3
B.I.C. 8-14-6
Dharamshey 36-8
I. Bleaching 153
I. Copper 2-3
I. I. Trust 92-8
Kemp 420
Port Canning 62
P Const. 113-8 11 15
P. Const. 2nd Pref. 101-4
Tata Chem 12-9
Tata Oil 65 65-8
Wimco 187-8

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 18-14 18 18-8

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 16.

The Bullion Market was quiet today With the end of settlement of forward trading in Indore market, local price was marked down. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 185/- while gold was placed at Rs. 114/- Sovercigns stood around Rs. 74/12. Final quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	183	12	0
Ready Gold	113	8	0
Sovereigns	74	4	0

COTTONSEED IMPORT LICENCES FOR GUJARAT

Collectors To Receive Applications

With a view to ensuring quicker disposal, the Governments of Bombay has modified the existing procedure regarding the submission of applications for the import of cotton seed for cattlefeed into the Gujerat districts. Intending importers may now submit their applications in the prescribed form to the Collector of the receiving district instead of to the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay. On receipt of the application, the Collector will scrutinise the details therein and recommend it to the Cotton Superintendent, Surat, for the issue of the necessary licence.

Fairly Large Turnover On Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, March 16.

The market ruled fairly steady and active and a fairly large turnover took place. Following are today's final transactions up to 2-30 p.m.:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Govt. paper 98-2, three per cent loan 1986 98-8, three per cent loan 1966-68 99-13, three per cent loan 1963-65 100, SL three per cent loan 1949-52 100-6, three per cent loan 1970-75 100, three per cent loan 1953-55 101-7, three per cent loan 1959-61 100-9, four per cent loan 1960-70 110-4, S lot.

BANKS: Bengal central bank 9-4, Calcutta national bank 12-8, Hindustan commercial bank 25-4, Hindustan mercantile bank 20-6, Imperial bank fully paid 1848, CT Do. 445 CT.

COTTON: Elgin mills 17-8, New victoria ordy. 2-7.

COALS: Bengal 436, S lots Bhalgora 7-10, Deoli 9-10, Central India 5-4, East Indian 29-12, Equitable 37-6, Jainty central 1-15, Katras Jherriah 30-10, South Karanpura 26-2, Talcher 4-2, Western Bengal 4-12.

JUTES: Agarpara 23-7, C Rights Auckland 120-8, Auction Nuddea 80, Standard 200, Union 210.

MININGS: Consolidated tin annas 15, Indian Copper 2-3, Burma Corp. 2-9, Karanpura Dev 27-4, Tavoy Tin annas 12.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 5-12, S lot Sone Valley Cement 6-12, Alkali and Chemical 13-4, Calcutta Electric 18-6, Braithwaite and Co. 8-7, Exdiv Indian Iron and Steel 24-5, Kumardhubi Eng. 8-2, Marshalls 6, National Iron and Steel 5-14, Steel Corp. 21-1, Textile Machinery 7-9, Exdiv. Angelo Brothers 19-12, Balmer Lawrie 336, BIC 8-15, C DIV Indian Wood Products 30-8, Jardine Henderson 163-8, Martin Burn 14-4, CT British Burma Petrol 1-7, India Paper Pulp 159, Shree Gopal Paper 11-2, S lot Star Paper 5-6, Titaghur Paper 36, Assam Saws 7-10, India General Navgn. 96, S lot India Steamship 8-8.

SUGARS: Carew and Co. 8-12, Cawnpore 25-8, SL Murree Brewery 9-12.

TEAS: Banarhat 262 Soom 14-2.

NEW YORK PEPPER HIGHER.

NEW YORK, March 15. (UPA).

Black pepper futures closed inactive, unchanged to 200 higher. Continued strength in the spot market created by uncertainty over additional shipments from India and Indonesia as well as small stocks in local warehouses kept shorts on the defensive. While grinder buying interest subsided at higher basis, traders reported a fair amount of business between dealers in spot supplies. Spot black pepper was quoted up to 89 cents per pound nom. White pepper remained unchanged at 1.05 dollars per pound, nominal.

Closing prices included:
March 79 cents bid.
May 76 cents bid.
July 74.50 bid
September 72 bid.
October 60 cents nom.
December 51 cents nom.
January 48 cents nom.

Yesterday, the market closed also inactive and unchanged to 200 points higher. Anxious shorts bid nearby positions up to the possible daily limit in an unsuccessful attempt to dislodge offerings.

Pepper due to arrive soon was quoted up to 84 cents and steamers due next month were held at 82 cents.

Most of the demand came from shorts who had become increasingly restive because of limited warehouse supplies here and uncertainty over shipments from primary centers.

Closing prices included:
March 77 cents bid.
May 74 cents bid.
July 72.50 cents bid.
September 70 cents bid.
October 60, cents nom.
December 51 cents nom.
January 48 cents nom.

In the spot market, black was quoted at 86 cents nom and white at dol. 1.05 nom.

LONDON PEPPER PRICES

LONDON, March 15 (UPA.)

The pepper market is at a standstill, as a result of Singapore's quoting black pepper at 3/10 and white at 4/10-1/2.

Malabar on London basis was quoted at about 420.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, March 15 (UPA).

Enquiries from Europe and dealers' caused an all time record high level in the Singapore pepper market today.

White Muntok was quoted at SSdol. 257 and Black Lampong at SSdol.208 per picul of 133.3 lbs., fob.

ARGENTINA LIFTS IMPORT BAN

BUENOS AIRES, March 15 (PTI-Reuter): Argentina tonight partially lifted the import ban on all foreign goods imposed six weeks ago.

Goods which will now be imported include medical supplies, petrol, oil, minerals, fats, steel and newsprint.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 16.

B. O. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.
B. O. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th 9th Month.
New York and Montreal B. O Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330.
Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.
Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C.
Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7860.
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 8060
Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79.
Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fcs. 1305.
Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldn 79.
Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84.
Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 157.
Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 165 1/4.
New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.97-53.43; London/Alexandra Cross Rate Fls. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bankok Cross Rate Tcl. 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 178 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Bl. 128-130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8-09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061-1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.
London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c.; London Discts. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.
Money:—Call 3/4 p.c.; 3 Mos. 1 p.c.; 6 Mos. 1-1/4 p.c.; 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.
Tone:—Tight.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.
LIABILITIES.

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended the 11th day of March:—

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	10,78,18,000
Notes in circulation	1179,78,61,000
Total Notes issued	1190,56,79,000
Total Liabilities	1190,56,79,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	741,61,84,000
Rupee Coin	41,48,47,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	367 44,77,000
Total Assets	1190,56,79,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 65.652 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT.
LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	177,82,76,000
(2) Other Governments	22,86,02,000
(b) Banks	53,31,39,000
(c) Others	70,03,55,000
Bills Payable	5,33,35,000
Other Liabilities	15,05 20,000
Total Rs.	354,42 27,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Notes	10,78,18,000
Rupee Coin	6 25,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,54,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	36,94,000
Government Treasury Bills	1,07,93,000
Balances held abroad	219 14,87,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	10,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	5,55,43,000
Investments	113,02,83 000
Other Assets	4,28,30,000
Total Rs.	354,42 27,000

CANADA COLLECTS $270,000,000 FROM U.S. TRAVELLERS IN 1948

OTTAWA, Canada, (UPA).— Canadians collected a new high record of $270,000,000 from United States travellers in 1948.

Travel expenditures by Americans in Canada went over $200,000,000 for the third year in a row. United States visitors poured $216,000,000 into Canada in 1946 and in 1947 the figure was $241,000,000.

Canadian expenditures in the United States during the year were $112,000,000.

CANADA'S IRON AND STEEL MILLS

OTTAWA, (UPA).— Near capacity production was achieved last year by Canada's iron and steel mills. A report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics said the output was three per cent higher than that of the war-time peak year of 1942.

Production of steel totalled 3,202,000 tons Pig iron production amounted to 2,121,000 tons: 251,000 tons of ferro-alloys came from the mills after a share upward move from the 1947 figure of 150,000 tons.

New York Cotton Market Featureless With Small Business

WALL STREET DRIFTS MILDLY LOWER

NEW YORK, March 15.

Prices eased on the liquidation of spot March and other presure, including hedges, reflecting the disappointing February consumption at 635,000 bales, further reports of curtailment at the southern mills and the ever-present Washington farm legislation uncertainties. Later, prices steadied on covering possibly based on technical considerations, and improved export prospects. Covering in spot March contributed to the rally. In the afternoon, the market floundered aimlessly awaiting developments, finally closing steady with modest routine trade demands absorbing scattering hedges. Trading was otherwise featureless with sales approximately 85 000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 15.

March	32.31+04
May	32,08+02
May Highest	32.09+03
May Lowest	32,02—04
July	30.97—01
October	28.17—01
December	27.97—02
Middling Spot	33.40+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, March 15.

March	32,14—
May	31.97+03
July	30.93+ 3
October	28,14—
Middling Spot	32,35—

WALL STREET MARKET.

Pending further business and Washington developments, prices drifted mildly lower in slow trade. Additional mostly goods 1948 earnings exerted little influence as many operators were apparently more interested in what the first quarter will bring. Railroads gave some ground on reports that the Federal mediator's awards to non-operating employees will estimatedly cost carriers on additional 640,000,000 dollars annually.

The averages were Industrials 176.12 and rails 48.46. In the afternon, many traders withdraw for further appraisal of the general situation and prices fluctuated quietly around the midday levels. Textiles softened occasionally, disturbed by pacific mills President's warning that textile company profits probably will be substantially, below 1948 with competition keener and prices lower. A mild increase of pressure in final dealings brought losses of fractions to one dollar or so with a few high priced issues showing declines of two points. The session closed barely steady.

CHICAGO GRAINS.

CHICAGO, March 15.

Grains: the undertone was steadier in light dealings with some commercial demand against sales of cash grain to the commodity credit corporation and short covering prompted by the firmness of Minneapolis wheat counteracting hedge pressure and liquidation. Domestic crop news continued favourable and dealers were again talking of a bumper 1949 wheat harvest.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, March 15.

May	2,15-3/8
July	1.90-1/2
September	90-3/8
December	1.93

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, March 15.

LONDON: Australian Wheat new crop	96 Mar/Apl.

WOOL TOP PRICES

NEW YORK, March 15— (U.P.A.): Wool tops closed steady up 1c to 34 today.

Closing prices included:

March 156,158 May 157,157.9, July 158.4,158.5, October 153.5, December 157.9,158, March 1950 156.5 May 1950 154.5,156.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 15.

American Telephone and Telegraph	146-7/8
Amerex Holding Co.	26-1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining	31-1/2
Chase National Bank	36
Sinclair Oil	21-3/4
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	48-3/4
General Electric Co.	38
General Motors	59-7/8
Ingersol Rand	61-1/4
International Nickel	28-1/2
National City Bank of New York	40
New York Central Rail Road Co.	10-7/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-1/8
Texas Corporation	52-3/4
Union Carbide	39-1/2
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	42-3/4
U. S. Steel Corporation (Common)	73-1/8
Western Union Telegraph	14-1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 15.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	30-1/16
Conversion loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-11/16
Funding loan 4 p c 1960/90	114-7/8
War loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	104-1/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	103-1/2
National Bank of India	38-1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,243

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, March 15.

	Selling	Buying
T. T. London on:—		
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.36
Stockholm	14.47 to	14.50

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, March 15.

U. S. Price of foreign Silver	71-1/2 cents.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, March 15.

Silver Spot and Forward both	43-1/2d.
Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/12/3

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAY, March 16

ARRIVALS

S. S. Star Alcyone from Rosario with maize on March 16.
S. S. Exchange from N. York with general cargo on March 16.
S. S. Br. Judge from Abadan with
S. S. Brasil from Bahrein with furnace oil on March 15.
S. S. Br. Virtue from Abadan with oil on March 15.
S. S. Fort Covington from Alexandria with rice on March 15.
S. S. Artensia from Rangoon with rice on March 14.

DEPARTURES

S. S. Hermund for Basrah with general cargo on March 15.
S. S. Richmond Hill for Kobe with general cargo on March 15.
S. S. British Justice for Abadan in ballast on March 15.

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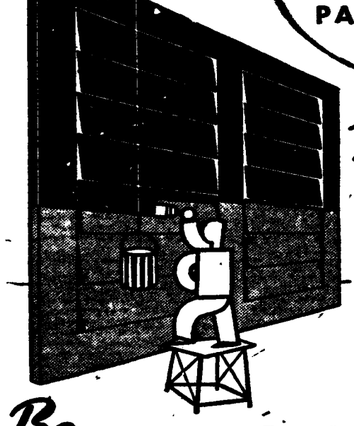

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V. L. MEHTA'S ASSURANCE IN BOMBAY ASSEMBLY

No Highly-Paid Appointment Made Or Expected

BOMBAY, Wednesday: An assurance was given in the Bombay Legislative Assembly today, by Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, that the Government had not made any highly-paid appointments "of the type that critics had in mind", and that the creation of such appointments in the future, was also unlikely. Mr. Mehta also assured the House, that every pie voted by the Legislature, would be wisely spent by the Government.

SPECIAL SESSION ON FRIDAY

There will be a special session of the Assembly from 11 to 12-30 on Friday, so that the House will dispose of a Bill to Amend the Bombay Rents, Hotel and Lodging House Rates Act of 1947. The Bill restricts the right of a landlord to pass on to his tenants, increases in taxes made by local authorities, in urban areas.

NEW TENANCY ACT BETTER THAN OLD

When the Bombay Legislative Assembly met here today, Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, made a demand for grant of Rs. 2,44,09,000 for General Administration.

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin who moved a cut motion to discuss the "vagaries leading to a confusion in the administration of the Tenancy Act", subsequently withdrew it after Mr. Morarji Desai, Home and Revenue Minister, explained that the confusion in the old Act had been eliminated by the new one.

The Minister said that in all cases under the Act, papers had been forwarded to him and all orders were passed by him. No secretary of the Department or any assistants, were competent to pass orders, without consulting him. It was not true that cases had been reviewed without scrutinising the papers. The fact that the orders were not signed by the Minister, did not mean that the Minister had not seen the papers, for, under the constitution no Minister could sign orders. He was also against empowering pleaders, to argue such applications to Government, for it was not in the interest of the tenants.

CUTTING DOWN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE

The next cut motion by Mr. M. M. Bhaiji raised a discussion on the steps taken by Government in cutting down administrative expenditure. Mr Bhaiji sought enlightenment on how Government had followed the recommendations of the Priorities Committees. He stated that Government had increased expenditure on both education and post-war reconstruction schemes.

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin, supporting the cut said tha both direction and control were needed to cope with the expanding machinery of administration. Had Government applied their minds to the higher salaries and the possibility of cutting them down and was the charge of a top-heavy administration justified?

REMOVE CONTROLS AND EFFECT ECONOMY

The Thakore saheb of Kerwada suggested that Government should remove all controls and effect economies. He was sure that many departments could be closed down if controls were removed.

"There are controls over our movements, on our thougnts and on smoking in cinemas, he said. On top of it all the police were watching one's movements. "This is not the freedom we looked forward to", he said.

V. L. MEHTA'S REPLY

Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, in his reply stated that the Government had not made any "highly-paid appointments of the type critics had in mind" nor were such appointments likely to be created in the future.

Mr. Mehta further said that the expenditure on the administration of the Province was under the constant scrutiny of Government, and every pie alloted by the Legislature, would be spent wisely

The question of administrative expenditure was related to the duties and functions of the State. The State had ceased to be "a mere Law and Order State", and it was its duty to afford social security and minimum amenities to the people, in the remotest parts of the Province They had to adopt measures which would increase the productive capacity of the people in the spheres of industry and agriculture. This was bound to entail increased expenditure It could be noticed that the increase in expenditure had been due to an increase on nation-building activities, particularly education and rural development.

EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE SCRUTINISED

Even the Administration Enquiry Committee had suggested measures which would have resulted in a curtailment of expenditure to the tune of only about Rs. 25 lakhs This, the Government was trying to do. Every item of fresh expenditure, was scrutinised by the department concerned, the Finance Department and then by the Expenditure Priorities Committee, after which the Cabinet as a whole examined it, when necessary By adducing figures, the Minister showed that Government were spending about 11 lakhs per year on salaries of Rs. 500 a month and over, the salaries over Rs. 1,000 came to about 35 lakhs out of this amount.

"The best system of public finance is that which guarantees the maximum social benefit to the people" he said, quoting from a book by the British Chancellor of Exchequer. This was what the Government was trying to do.

With the reimposition of controls, the staff had to be re-employed, and certain temporary posts had been made departmental. This had also brought in more expenditure, he said.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

Messrs. A. A. Gheewale, T. S. Jadhav, Dr. M. N. Nathu and P. H. Shamsuddin spoke in support of a cut motion with regard to the nationalisation of motor transport.

Mr. Shamsuddin feared that the nationalisation of motor transport had not been justified by the expenditure incurred, nor had it helped to curb inflation. The Administration Inquiry Committee had laid down that this type of activity must be undertaken only during periods of depression.

Mr. Babubhai Patel, opposing the cut said that he knew of persons inside and outside the House who were opposed to the nationalisation of motor transport. They had some "leanings towards the operators", he said.

He was glad that the unwholesome competition between the State Railways and Road Transport had now been done away with. Also, nationalisation, had reduced enormously, inconveniences to passengers, who sometimes went without food and water in the old days. The irregularities in running had also been replaced by much greater punctuality. Accidents had been reduced.

PLEA FOR STANDARD VEHICLE

Mr. M. H. Shah, also opposing the cut, said that out of the revenues derived from running the road transport system, a part must be reserved for maintaining the roads on which these vehicles ran. He asked Government for co-operate with other provinces and the Centre, and devise a standard vehicle, for which ordesr could be placed with production units. He asked the Minister concerned about a report he had received about hundreds of Diesel Motor Engines, which were lying without bodies, and in a rusted condition, and which had cost Government about Rs. 64 lakhs.

Mr. R. A. Khedgikar said that he stood for nationalisation of all transport services, for the alternative to nationalisation was "cut throat" competition and complete anarchy.

He suggested that there should be one representative of the employees on the Board of Management, so that Labour could feel that it was a partner in the venture. The scheme had to provide gratuity and provident fund. He wanted the passing of first aid examinations to be made obligatory on all drivers and other Road Transport personnel.

Mr. R. B. Ghorpade said that the angularities of behaviour on the part of the personnel were due to the fact that they were mostly the old employees whom Government had taken over. Given time the scheme would succeed. This was "one of the great things" the present Government had done. The success of nationalisation of other ventures Government might in future undertake, depended on the success of the present scheme. And, in the interest of the defence of the Province, it was essential that Road Transport was handled by the State.

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Difference	—5

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BOMBAY, March 16.

	Rs. As
Silver Bullion Ready	182 12
Gold Ready	113 4
Sovereign	74 4
EXPECTATION:	
Cotton Jarila May	626 0

NEW YORK STOCKS.
NEW YORK, March 16.

Stock Exchange opening prices:—Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted. General Motors dol. 59-3/4. United States Steel Common dol. 72-7/8. United States Steel Preference dol. 136.—(Reuter).

BERLIN CURRENCY DISPUTE

When U.S. Rejected "Neutral" Powers' Solution

GENEVA, March 16. (PTI-Reuter)—A solution proposed by "neutral" powers for solving the Berlin currency disputes and lifting the Soviet blockade was rejected by the United States in January after Britain, France and Russia had agreed to discuss it, it was disclosed here tonight.

The solution was tentatively proposed by a committee of experts representing five "neutrals" of the Security Council—Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, and Syria.

This committee was set up on Nov. 30 last year by Dr. Juan Bramuglia, Argentine Foreign Minister, who was then President of the Security Council, to find a technical way out of the deadlock on Berlin.

The deadlock became complete when the Soviet Union earlier vetoed a Security Council resolution which called for the Soviet blockade to be lifted and asked the four occupying powers to consult on a solution for Berlin.

The neutral experts held 70 meetings in Paris and Geneva in a period of six weeks, and finally reported to the President of the Security Council on Feb. 11 that they had not been able to secure the agreement of the four occupying powers to a solution of the Berlin currency and trade problem.

Their report, drawn up by the Chairman, Mr. N. A. Robertson, until recently Canadian High Commissioner in London, was released simultaneously in Lake Success and Geneva tonight.

WHEN SENATOR SIDES WITH LOOTERS

Sgt. Palmer's Revelation In Durban Riot Inquiry

DURBAN, March 16. (PTI-Reuter)—A Durban policeman, Detective Sergeant G. F. Palmer, alleged in evidence before the Riots Commission of Enquiry here today that during the recent racial riots Senator S. M. Pattersen threatened to report him if he did not stop hitting Africans looting an Indian shop.

On January 14, Palmer said, he saw about 40 Africans armed with rocks and other weapons break the plate glass windows of an Indian shop. They started looting clothing and shoes.

He hit an African with a stick to get them to disperse, he said, but they failed to do so.

Palmer alleged that Senator Pettersen shouted from a motor car: "You have no right to hit those natives."

When told not to interfere (Palmer said) the Senator replied: "I am going to report you". He then moved away.

Replying to the Chairman, Palmer said he had not heard Senator Pettersen inciting the Africans against Indians.

The hearing adjourned until tomorrow.

POLICE OFFICER KILLED BY MOB

GORAKHPUR, March 16 (A.P.I.): Avadh Behari Singh, Police Inspector, Deoria circle, was killed by an infuriated mob near Senatar a village in Chapra District, Bihar. Fourteen persons have been arrested in this connection

CLOTH STOCKS WITH MILLS

Ahmedabad Expects Permission To Sell In Non-Rationed Areas

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, March 16.

It is learnt reliably that a decision has been made to release accumulated stock of cloth with mills.

It is likely that permission may be given to mills to sell cloth in centres, where there is no rationing, particularly in Bihar, Orissa, Central Provinces and Madras.

Wagons of coal have already arrived and about two thousand tons of coal will be supplied to mills daily, according to their consumption.

CONSUMERS HIT BY HIGH SUGAR PRICE

Sheth Maneklal's Address At Bombay Merchants Association

Sheth Maneklal Ujamshi, the President of The Bombay Sugar Merchants' Association speaking at the fourth annual general meeting of the Association held on Wednesday said:—

'During the year under review, several factors have cropped up affecting the trade, decontrol of which is one of them. It is true that the control on sugar has been lifted, however, control on price of sugarcane, wages and sugar price still remains in force with the result that the factory-owners are at libert; to sell at any higher price to which the Government has kept a blind eye.

"With the removal of control, sugar has been made available in adequate quantity to the consumers. But the price level is so high that it is beyond the reach of the poor consumers of our country. The sugarcane price was fixed at Rs. 2 per B. Md. and big margin of profit was allowed to the manufacturers. The manufacturers wanted to gain undue advantage by supporting such a hasty move of the Government, because they wanted to pocket very large profit from the old stock of 89,000 tons and also they wanted to pocket higher working profits.

"When the attention of the Government and the public was drawn by us, merchants were accused of heavy profiteering by them. But some of the Bombay merchants, with a view to assisting the public, announced the sale of sugar at annas 8/- per lb. for the whole year and the statement on behalf of our Association was made to avoid unwarranted panic stating that there was no dearth of sugar and no necessity of paying high price.

"Looking to the World Sugar prices and also the necessity of fighting the inflation, we anticipate that the sugar price for the next season would be reduced to about Rs. 22 per Md.

BOMBAY IS FOREMOST IN SUGAR TRADE

"Last year about 1,20,000 tons of sugar has been brought over to the City of Bombay. This means 12 per cent of the total production. From this, the Government will see that Bombay is foremost and important centre of sugar trade. But the Syndicate with a view of killing the merchant, ventured to bring about 75,000 bags in Bombay, wherein they have lost about 15 to 20 lacs of rupees and about 15,000 bags are still lying in the deteriorated condition. Such a colossal loss to an ordinary merchant would have led him into bankruptcy. But the Syndicate, being dazzled by high profits, has not cared for such a heavy loss.

Sheth Ujamshi concluded saying: "We have constructed sugar market and have economised the incidental costs but the expense in Bombay have gone so high that by taking an average of incidental charges being incurred on godown rent, interest, telephone telegram and establishment charges and also a heavy shortage in sugar in transit comes to about 12 annas a bag. This is to be strictly borne in mind in calculating the cost of their working."

All-India Food Production Conference

Large-scale preparations are in progress to hold The All India Food Production Conference at Pohri (Madhya Bharat) on the 12th and 13th of April 1949. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will inaugurate the Conference.

In the experiment at food production conducted by the Adarsha Seva Sangha at Deori Village reconstruction centre, the annual production of food has registered an increase of 14 per cent on an average for a continued period of 9 years. The increase of 5 per cent of additional food for two consecutive years brings the solution of the country's food problem within practical possibility. All that is required is the 'Will' of the Government and the people to achieve it.

The Conference will be presided over by Shri Jairamdas Daulatram, Food and Agriculture Minister of the Govenrment of India.

NO FRESH LICENCES FOR EXPORT OF RAW COTTON

But Exports To Hard Currency Countries To Continue

NEW DELHI, March 16. (API)—Due to the deteriorating supply position of raw cotton the Government of India have decided that no further licences for the export of raw cotton from India will be issued except in favour of hard currency countries, exports to which will, for the present, be allowed as before, says a press note issued by the Ministry of Commerce today.

Further, in order to accommodate shippers who may have already entered into firm contracts with overseas buyers on the basis of the licensing policy followed so far, it has been decided that sympathetic consideration should be given to such cases.

STOCK POSITION SERIOUS

The press note says: "For some time past, ever since the partition in fact, the supply position of raw cotton in India has been steadily deteriorating The Government of India have, therefore, from time to time placed restrictions on the varieties of raw cotton which can be allowed for export. The position now has become so acute that the Indian mills have begun to use even those varieties of short-staple cotton which they were not previously consuming. Having regard to this fact and also the growing seriousness of the stock position of raw cotton the Government of India have now decided that no further licences for the export of raw cotton from India will be issued.

In view, however, of the difficul balance of payments position with hard currency countries an exception will be made in favour of those areas, exports to which will, for the present, be allowed as before.

CASE OF CONTRACTS

Further, in order to accommodate shippers who may have already entered into firm contracts with overseas buyers on the basis of the licensing policy followed so far, it has been decided that sympathetic consideration should be given to such cases. Exporters who had entered into such firm contracts with overseas buyers should, therefore, apply to the Deputy Chief Controller of Exports, Bombay, by March 31, 1949 with full evidence of the contracts made by them prior to March 15, 1949

Since it has come to the notice of Government that some countries have been importing raw cotton from India and reselling them to hard currency countries with the consequent loss of dollar earnings to India applications for exports against outstanding contracts to countries which have been indulging in such practice are liable to be refused".

46 LAKHS LOAN TO MADRAS INDUSTRIALISTS

MADRAS, March 16 (API): In pursuance of their policy to encourage private enterprise, the Government of Madras had granted financial assistance by way of loans to the extent of Rs. 46,90,000 to private industrial undertakings in the Province during 1948/49, said the Industries Minister, Mr. H. Sitarama Reddy, at question time in the Madras Assembly today.

The Minister said that the loans were granted at the rate of five per cent after verifying the soundness of the industries concerned.

Deputation To Delhi To Discuss Ex-K. P. T. Workers' Problem

A meeting of the displaced employees of the Karachi Port Trust was held on Tuesday the 15th instant at the R. M. Bhatt High School, Parel.

It was a cosmopolitan meeting fully representative of Sindhi, Panjab, Maharashtrian, Jew, Christian and Harijan labourers and clerical staff. This meeting resolved to send a deputation, headed by Mr. Sakharam Sawant labour leader, to Delhi to represent their case.

A year back the Transport Ministry had promised to employ the displaced Karachi Port Trust employees i. the major ports of Indian Dominion, including Bombay Port Trust. The Bombay Port Trust Chairman also informed the Central Government that he would reserve 50 per cent of the permanent posts in Bombay Port Trust, for the displaced Karachi Port Trust employees and this promise has not been fully adhered to.

There was a possibility of almost all the Karachi Port Trust employees (refugees) being absorbed in the Bombay Port Trust, since there occurred many vacant posts upto, now, on account of increased work in this port of import and export business. Only 25 to 30 per cent of this posts, so far, have been filled up from amongst these ex-employees of Karachi Port Trust.

NIPPON WANTS U. S. LOAN

To Aid Japanese Currency Reform

NAGOYA, (JAPAN), March 16 (UPA.) President Kumahichi Nakajima, of the Japan Foreign Trade Association, wants the United States Government to lend Japan dol. 1,000,000,000 so that Japan can issue new currency replacing the present money which on Saturday totalled 315,000,000,000 yen in circulation.

Nakajima claimed that currency reform must be carried out immediately to expedite Japan's economic recovery but that a loan must be obtained from the United States to back up the new money.

Detroit banker Joseph Dodge, Financial Adviser to General MacArthur, said last week that he was not considering a currency reform for Japan for the time being.

Stop Press

SAHARANPUR ARRESTS

SAHARANPUR, March 16 (A.P.I.): Over one hundred persons have been arrested in connection with the riots which occurred here on March 14 resulting in the death of ten persons. Police patrolling of the city continues and no fresh incident has been reported in the past 48 hours.

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(3) Meat Dehydration Machinery such as Batch Type Dehydrators, Mincing Machines, Meat Cubing Machines and Meat Presses etc., located in M.D.Fs at Amritsar, Delhi Cantt., Poona, Agra and Patna. (Tender No. DGD/SR-43725/86/CPM-IV).

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Cheaper Foodgrains By April End

MATTHAI'S OPTIMISM IN PARLIAMENT

India's Lack Of Capital For Industrial Ventures

NEHRU TO DEFINE POLICY ON FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN UNDERTAKINGS

NEW DELHI, MARCH 16. (API)— PARLIAMENT TODAY APPROVED 29 DEMANDS TOTALLING OVER RS. 147 CRORES IN RESPECT OF FINANCE.

DR. JOHN MATTAHAI, FINANCE MINISTER, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT POSSIBLY A DOWNWARD TREND IN THE PRICES OF FOOD GRAINS WOULD BEGIN SOME TIME NEXT MONTH.

NEHRU TO MAKE STATEMENT

Dr. Matthai indicated that the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru might make a statement before the end of the current session on the subject of foreign participation in the country's industrial undertakings.

Dr. Matthai himself felt that since there was not enough capital within the country for development programmes, the time had come for the House to consider the question.

The House adjourned till tomorrow, when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, will initiate the debate on grants to the Home and States Ministries.

The House will also discuss demands in respect of the Relief and Rehabilitation Ministry.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAILS

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, Government of India forecast in the Dominion Parliament today that somewhere about the end of April the country would begin to find a downward trend in the matter of food grain prices.

Personally, he was rather hopeful that between May and six months thereafter, "we shall prooably find that the position has assumed a more satisfactory aspect".

Government, said Dr. Matthai, had under examination, reorganisation of the price structure of cotton textiles with reference to the current prices of raw cotton.

Dr. Matthai, who was speaking on demand for grants to his Ministry, said that like the proverbial policeman's lot the Finance Minister's life was a very hard one. The House was very generous to the "spending Ministries" bu. when the Finance Minister went round with his collection bag to raise the money required for implementing those generous assurances, he was sworn at, stones were thrown at him and he was nearly chucked out of the compound He looked like a maimed dog licking his wounds all the tir (Loud laughter).

The first of the problems to which he would like to refer was the problem of inflation and high prices, in which bo: the House and the country were so eply and so vitally interested.

Since last November, when Government's anti-inflationary programme had been put into operation, the General Wholesale Index Number Taking the composite figure, showed a decline of about 10 to 11 points. Manufactured and semi-manufactured articles also showed a fairly marked decline Similarly, taking all the food articles together, they also showed a decline But as regards cereals and industrial raw materials, the position seemed to be still one of flux. Prices were still fluctuating and it was difficult to tell whether any definite trend was noticeable.

HAPUR PRICES RESPONSIBLE

From a fairly careful analysis of the index number, Dr. Matthai said the position regarding cereals seemed to be that but for the price of wheat, probably cereals also would have shown something like a downward trend. The price of wheat at Amritsar had been showing a downward trend for some weeks now but the position had been entirely different in the Hapur Market.

And it was really the position of wheat in the Hapur Market that was responsible very largely for the t that cereals so far had not shown a downward trend.

Regarding industrial raw materials, he found c a similar analysis of the index number that the fact that there had been no decline was largely accounted for by the position regarding oilseeds. Oilseeds had been the subject of a great deal of speculation, as a result of which the prices of oilseeds had not merely been remaining on the whole at high levels but fluctuating.

Since more than 50 per cent of the cost of living index was represented by food grains, the position with regard to cereals in the Wholesale Index Number was reflected in the high Cost of Living Index.

"UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR OUR FOOD PROBLEM", SAID THE FINANCE MINISTER "WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO SEE ANY PERCEPTIBLE DECLINE IN THE COST OF LIVING INDEX. I PERSONALLY DO NOT THINK THAT WE SHALL FIND A DOWNWARD TREND IN REGARD TO THE PRICES OF FOODGRAINS UNTIL THE RABI HARVEST HAS COME IN, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT HAD RESUMED THE POLICY OF FOOD CONTROL, THAT POLICY IS NOT LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE SUPPLIES ARE BETTER ENSURED.

THE HURDLES

"In other words, until the Rabi harvest has come in, until we are able to get more and more of the imported foodgrains which we are expecting, and until the procurement policy of the Provincial Governments shows better results, it is not possible for Governments to give full effect to the rationing policy to which they were committed

And if I may venture a forecast, I think it would be somewhere about the end of April that we shall begin to find a downward trend in the matter of foodgrains. Personally, I am rather hopeful that between May and the six months following May, we shall probably find that the position has assumed a more satisfactory aspect.

"There has been a great deal of criticism regarding Government's anti-inflation policy, mainly on the ground that the results have not been perceptible in a shorter time than the country would have expected The policy of Government is what now throughout the world is generally referred to as a policy of disinflation rather than deflation. At a time when prices are rising high and inflation is almost, what I may call, of the galloping variety—and that is the sort of inflation that we had between January, 1948, and August or September, 1948—the right way of tackling it is not to try and bring about drastic reduction but to try, in the first place, to put a stop to the rise. If you are able to prevent a rise in prices and keep them at a fairly stable level for a short period, then you are in a better position to bring about a downward trend in prices. Inflation is somewhat like water. If you can check the flow of it, then it takes a direction quite the reverse. It cannot stand still.

NEED TO GO SLOW

"The reason why it is necessary to go rather slow with this process of bringing about a downward trend in prices is this: You must see to it at every stage that a proper relationship is maintained between the level of prices and the level of cost. Suppose, for example, you are able to bring about a sudden reduction overnight in the money supply of the country. It is going to react upon the agricultural producer in a serious way. You can reduce the prices of foodgrains overnight but it would not be possible for the agricultural producer straightaway to reduce his cost. If the prices of foodgrains go down, he cannot straightaway go and tell labour": from tomorrow you are to get a much lower rate of wages.

"The same thing applies to manufactured goods. You can, by very drastic measures as some other countries have attempted, bring about a drastic fall in prices. But then if you are not in a position to bring down labour cost simultaneously you are going to create a disorganisation in the economy which ultimately would effect the position of supply and make inflation still worse".

PREVENTING INFLATION

Referring to the suggestions to prevent inflation like freezing of Bank deposits, demonetizing of currency notes and introduction of a scheme of compulsory savings. Dr. Matthai said that they, if adopted, would result in the first place, in a drastic reduction in the prices of manufactured goods and foodgrains without a corresponding reduction in the costs on which they were based. Apart from that, in a country which had yet to get used to investment, there would be a feeling of insecurity which would affect ultimately the whole problem of production. We are already suffering from a state of acute stringency in the investment market. We cannot therefore, afford to bring about any drastic reduction in the money supply available".

FOOD PRICES

One reason why the Government were not able to bring down foodgrain prices as quickly as the House and the country wanted them to was that the procurement prices had been fixed about 25 to 50 per cent higher than the prices which prevailed in December 1947. That was done because Government realised that if a continuous flow of supplies was to be ensured prices must be fixed at a level which would make it easy for the agricultural producer to bring his supplies into the market. "So long as our procurement prices are higher than the procurement prices of 1947. There is bound to be acertain delay in the reduction of prices to the levels that we expect".

BORROWING PROGRAMME

The Finance Minister referred to the Government's borrowing programme for 1949-50, which he described as "modest", and said he had fixed the figure for next year's borrowings at rupees 85 crores because he did not want to give the House an unrealistic picture of the position in the money market. Last year, they had fixed a higher borrowing figure but Government were not able to reach the target. There was stringency in the investors' market. The country was planning to develop its industries for which the industrialists would need more and more money than was available today. He thought that the industrialists must be left enough scope to raise capital, which would ultimately, be better than Government borrowing.

While he had fixed the figure at 85 crores the Finance Minister added if conditions improved—and he could not help thinking that within the next few months probably there would be improvement in the condition of the money market—it was his intention to go into the market and borrow more than he had provided for.

THE FINANCE MINISTER MADE AN APPEAL TO THE INDUSTRIAL INVESTORS—LIKE THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE BANKS IN THE COUNTRY TO DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO MAKE THE GOVERNMENT'S BORROWING PROGRAMME A COMPLETE SUCCESS BOTH IN THEIR INTEREST AS WELL AS IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

CAPITAL FORMATION

Referring to capital formation which had declined in recent years, the Finance Minister said if they wanted to promote industrial production, capital formation should receive better encouragement. Two things were standtoday—firstly people must be able to save and secondly they must be induced to invest. Apart from the question of high prices, he thought the level of direct taxation was also standing in the way saving and a general feeling of political and economic insecurity throughout the countr. was standing in the way of investment. There had been a marked improvement in regard to political security. But unless they at the same time ensured a greater sense of economic security they would find it difficult to induce investment. His own Budget this year was "a small first step" in the direction of inducing investment. Although they were not likely to see any marked results in the immediate future, he believed there were sufficient signs to encourage one in the belief that probably they would have better times in the near future.

INTERNATIONAL BANK MISSION'S VISIT

Dr. Matthai referred to the visit of the International Bank Mission and said its work had been of valuable assistance to the Government. There was, however, one "hing in respect of borrowing from those institutions. The rate of interests suggested—four and half percent—although he did not know the exact figure—was of a nigh order. It was not merely the question of interest. Supposing they got a loan for 20 or 25 years, they would have to repay it both the capital and the interest—in equated annual payments at the end of this period even if their development projects were still under construction. Those sums would have to be paid in dollar currency. A time might come when they would find themselves burdened with a debt which might seriously embarass the country.

TAXATION STRUCTURE

The Finance Minister next dwelt on the reference for an enquiry into the taxation structure. He felt that it would not be possible to conduct an investigation of the kind satisfactorily unless they were in a position to know what the national income of the country was and how it was distributed among the various sections of the community. He proposed to appoint an Expert Committee of high ranking economists, Indian and foreign, to take up the question of the national income. After the Committee finished its task it would be time to make an enquiry into the taxation structure.

The grants were approved and the House adjourned till tomorrow.

INDIA'S IMPORT OF MOTOR CARS IN 1948

NEW DELHI, March 16 (API): During the year 1948, India imported 19,366 motor cars, 4,186 motor cycles and 18,944 chassis, the Commerce Minister Mr. Neogy told Mr. Manmohan Das in parliament today. The total value of this was Rs. 17.26 lakhs. Out of these Government purchases totalled 5,267 vehicles valued at Rs. 3,18.7 lakhs.

Mr. Neogy told Mr. H. V. Kamath that no Russian cars had been imported into the country.

EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS' BUSY DAY IN MADRAS

MADRAS, March 16. (UPI)—Members of the Egyptian Press delegation now in the city, visited this morning the Thakar Bapa and the Anjuman Industrial Schools and evinced keen interest in watching hand spinning and manufacture of hand-made paper. One of the members expressed a desire to take back to Egypt a Charka.

The delegation met Mr. M. Kaktavatsalam, Minister for Information, who apprised them, in particular, of the progress of Prohibition in the Province and how the Provincial Government incurred a loss of one-third of the Provincial revenue with a view to save the common man from the evil of drink.

The delegation also watched the proceedings of the assembly during question hour.

Model Code Of Safety Regulations For Coal Mines

NEW DELHI, March 16. (UPI)—A Committee of International Experts convened by the International Labour Offic has completed the preliminary work on a model code of safety regulations for underground work in coal mines.

The code which lays down model provisions governing every aspect of underground coal mining operations will be circulated to Governments as a guide in the formulation or revision of national mine safety laws and regulations.

Experts attending the meeting were from Belgium, Canada, France, India, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States.

INDO-SOVIET TRADE PACT

Negotiations Expected To Start Shortly

NEW DELHI, March 16 (UPI).—Negotiations were expected to start shortly for a more comprehensive trade agreement between India and the U.S.S.R.

The Information was given by Dr. Keskar, Deputy Minister for External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, while replying to a question asked by Mr. Kamath during question hour in Parliament this morning.

Replying further to a question whether the Union of Socialist Soviet Russia had approached India for a treaty of friendship and commerce, Dr. Keskar informed the House that no formal approach had been made for a treaty of friendship and commerce, but the possibility of closer commercial relations with the U.S.S.R. has, however, been under consideration. From time to time specific agreements with regard to exchange of commodities had been made.

Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, replying to a question asked by Mr. Kamath regarding the recovery of abducted women restored to Pakistan by India up-to-date, said that 5,671 abducted women and children were recovered and 9,978 had been restored to their relation in Pakistan upto January 31, 1949.

He replied in the affirmative when asked whether the work of recovering abducted persons was still in progress.

CEYLON CITIZENSHIP ACT

Replying to a question regarding the Ceylon Citizenship Act, Dr. Keskar said that the Indian and Pakistan Residents (Citizenship) Bill, as passed by the Ceylon Parliament, was slightly different from the original bill; but the amended bill did not on the whole embody any of the Government of India's important suggestions and thus did not meet their objections against the measure.

Asked whether passport regulations had been introduced by both the Governments of India and Ceylon, Dr. Keskar said that under the existing law no passport or visa was required by Indians and Ceylonese for travel between India and Ceylon.

Entry into Ceylon must, however, be though one of the authorised ports which had been notified by the Government of Ceylon. That Government had recently passed a new Act called the immigrants and Emigrants Act, 1948. When it came into force, all persons intending to proceed to Ceylon would be required to be in possession of valid passports. A similar requirement will also be insisted upon by the Government of India in respect of the entry of Ceylonese into India.

PLEA FOR EDUCATION MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, March 16. (API)—The Pravashi Baga Sahitya Sammelan, which closed its 26th session yesterday here, urged the Government of India to hold a conference of Provincial Education Ministers and educationists representing various linguistic groups to work out an education policy in regard to the medium of instruction and examination such as may be acceptable to all concerned.

MOTHER TONGUE AND ENGLISH

In a 9-point resolution the Sammelan emphasised that in all parts of the Indian Union there should be state provision for imparting primary education through the medium of the child's mother tongue. This principle should also be applied to the secondary stage of education.

The Sammelan resolved that the medium of instruction at the university stage should continue to be English throughout the Indian Union until such time as the decision of the Central Government on the findings of the Universities Commission in this regard is not put into operation. When English was replaced by an Indian language as the medium of instruction at the University stage, students whose mother tongue is a different language should acquire sufficient mastery over that particular Indian language.

MELBOURNE, March 16, (PTI-ter): The four eminent Indian scientists who are on a six-week tour of Australian industrial plants and research laboratories arrived in Adelaide today on a four-day visit.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

58. The Needle—Seller

In one of his comedies, Stan Laurel spells out the word—needle as NEIDLE, for the benefit of his colleague, Hardy. When referred to as an ignoramus, he retorts: There can be no needle without an eye (I). No one will agree with Stan more than this vendor who has spread out his packets at the road-side. The only snag about needles in his collection is that their eyes are weak. They give way frequently and the client has to get back for more. Even when the eyes prove good, the vendor's sales are unaffected, thanks to the habit of women of misplacing these tiny contraptions. If you are a wise man, never carry home needles in bulk. A single one can always survive longer than a dozen in an Indian home.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON MOST POINTS

Inter-Dominion Conference On Press And Propaganda

KARACHI, March 16. (API)—Mr. R. R. Diwakar, India's Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, who heads the Indian delegation to the Inter-Dominion Consultative Conference, and Khwaja Shahbuddin, the Pakistan Minister for the Int or, told newsmen here today that agreement had been reached on several points between the two delegations.

The talks began yesterday on how to dissuade the "less responsible" newspapers in the two countries from making inflammatory statements liable to cause bad feeling between the two Dominions.

No attempt would be made, two Ministers said, to control the press in the two countries. The question was more a matter of persuading some newspapers to show a reasonable attitude in the presentation of news and to work for goodwill between the two Dominions. It was hoped to achieve that through the newspapers own implementation of the terms of the Delhi Agreement on radio, films and publications, they added.

ISPAHANI ON PROGRESS OF PAKISTAN

SANFRANCISCO, March 16. (PTI-Reuter)—Pakistan's Ambassador to Washington, Mr. M. A. H. Ispahani told reporters here today that Pakistan "has now settled into complete peace and tranquility since the difficult and bad days of its birth".

"Under British Rule", he said "the area now covered by Pakistan was simply a producer of raw materials, and the capitalists of industry made profits off our backs: we are changing all that".

Replying to questions, he said that Pakistan was opposed to the recognition of Israel because Israel was a state created against the spirit and the letter of the United Nations Charter.

"There is no justification, legal, political, economic or moral, for the creation of a Jewish State in the heart of the Arab world", he declared.

Mr. Ispahani is on a goodwill tour of the western states.

Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council

NEW DELHI, March 16. (API): The inaugural meeting of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council which was set up by the food and Africulture Organisation of the United Nations will be held at Singapore on March 24 India will be represented at the meeting by Dr. Baini Prasad. Fisheries Development Adviser to the Government of India, as Leader of the Delegation and Dr. N. K. Pannikar. Physiologist. Central Fisheries Research Station, as the alternate delegate.

Consembly Congress Party Meeting

NEW DELHI, March 16. (UPI)—A general body meeting of the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) will be held on Sunday the 20th March, 1949 at 11 a.m. Council House, New Delhi.

Board Of Trade Chief To Visit Canada And U. S.

LONDON, March 16, (PTI-Reuter): The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, by a visit to Canada and the United States in May, will spur forward the new British export drive for dollars, forecast in the Government's 1949 economic survey.

FRENCH INDIA ASSEMBLY

PONDICHERRY, March 16 (UPI): The United Press of India understands that the French India Representative Assembly will meet here on March 26

HEATED DEBATE IN E. BENGAL ASSEMBLY

Congress Attack On Ordinance Bill

DACCA, March 16 (API): There was a heated debate in the East Bengal Assembly yesterday when Mr. Nurul Amin, Leader of the House, moved consideration of the East Bengal Ordinances (Temporary Enactment) Bill 1949.

Sir Frederick Bourne, the Governor, watched the proceedings.

The bill incorporates about twenty different ordinances, some of which had been promulgated by the Governor of Bengal under the Government of India Act. The Ordinances were due to expire tomorrow, March 16, and the bill seeks to extend their operation initially for six months.

The Congress benches opposed the continuance of the ordinances and said that they were relics of the British bureaucracy. A motion for reference of the bill to a Select Committee was withdrawn after the Government's reply. Congress members moved a large number of amendments to the bill which, were lost after a heated debate.

Replying to the points raised by the opposition, Mr. Hamidul Huq Choudhury, Finance Minister, said that the Government had no intention of extending these ordinances indefinitely, but they had to be carried on as emergency measures.

New Governor For East Bengal

DACCA, March 16 (A.P.I.): Mr. Abu Saleh Mohammed Akram, first Chief Justice of East Bengal, was sworn in today as Governor of East Bengal in Place of Sir Frederick Bourne, who proceeded on six weeks leave this morning.

INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY CONFERENCE

OOTACAMUND, March 14 (API): The Government of India, it is learnt, have convened an International Conference on Forestry and timber utilisation at Mysore from March 28, with the object of surveying the forest resources of interested countries and finding the best use of timber. In addition to high ranking forest officials some members of the F.A.O. are also likely to attend the conference.

American Educationist In Nagpur

NAGPUR, March 16. (API): Dr. Frank C. Lauback, an American educationist of international fame, accompanied by his son and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gray—well—known artists, will visit Nagpur on March 23 after two days stay at Jubbulpore.

Maharaja's Plane Makes Forced Landing

NAGPUR, March 16, (API): A single-engined two-seater aircraft, owned by the Maharajah of Coochbehar, which took off from Gaya for Nagpur yesterday morning, made an emergency landing at a spot 34 miles from Ambikapur (in Chhattisgarh division, C.P.) owing to engine trouble. it was learnt here today.

The Maharajah, who was piloting the plane and his companion, are both safe. A relief plane from Calcutta reached Ambikapur this morning and took the Maharajah to Calcutta.

'Bombay Free From Plague'

NEW DELHI, March 16, (UPI):—Information has been received by the Director-General of Health Services from the epidemicological intelligence station, Singapore that Singapore and Malaya have declared Bombay free from Plague.

MUTT AND JEFF—The Clothing Business Seems To Be Picking Up — By BUD FISHER

YOU BOUGHT THAT FALL OUTFIT ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN?
HOW ARE YOU GONNA PAY SIX BUCKS A WEEK?
OH, I'LL GET A JOB OR SOMETHIN'
IT'S FOOLISH TO SPEND YOUR MONEY BEFORE YA GET IT!
OH, I DON'T KNOW
SUPPOSE YOU DON'T GET IT!
WELL, AT LEAST I HAD SOMETHING FOR THE MONEY I DIDN'T GET!
TIME PAYMENTS ARRANGED
CLOTHIN
Fisher

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